

Enabling the Grid of the Future through Advanced Controls

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So what is the “Smart Grid” ... ?



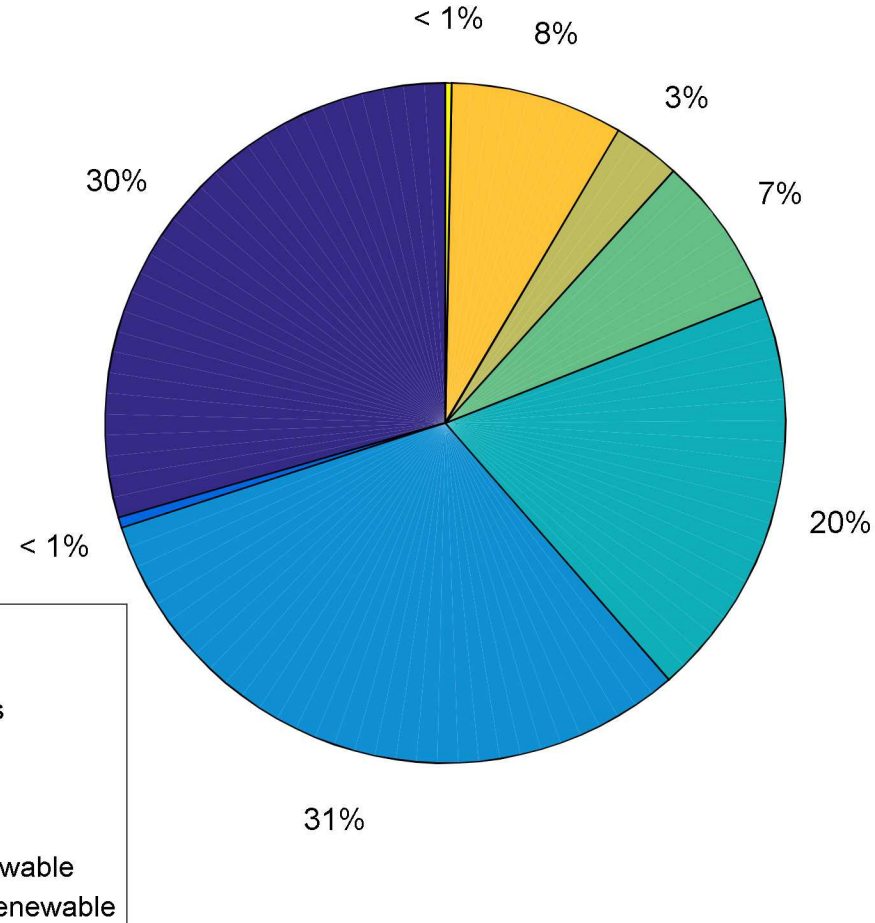
- The SMART Grid has several elements
 - Includes “Smart” energy resources
 - Uses Digital Communication to manage power generation, usage, transfer, and consumption
 - Improved situational awareness of grid operation through distributed sensing

- And several objectives
 - Increased Renewable Energy Integration
 - Improved Flexibility
 - Improved Efficiency, Reliability, and Resiliency

Attributes of Renewable and Non-Renewable Energy Sources

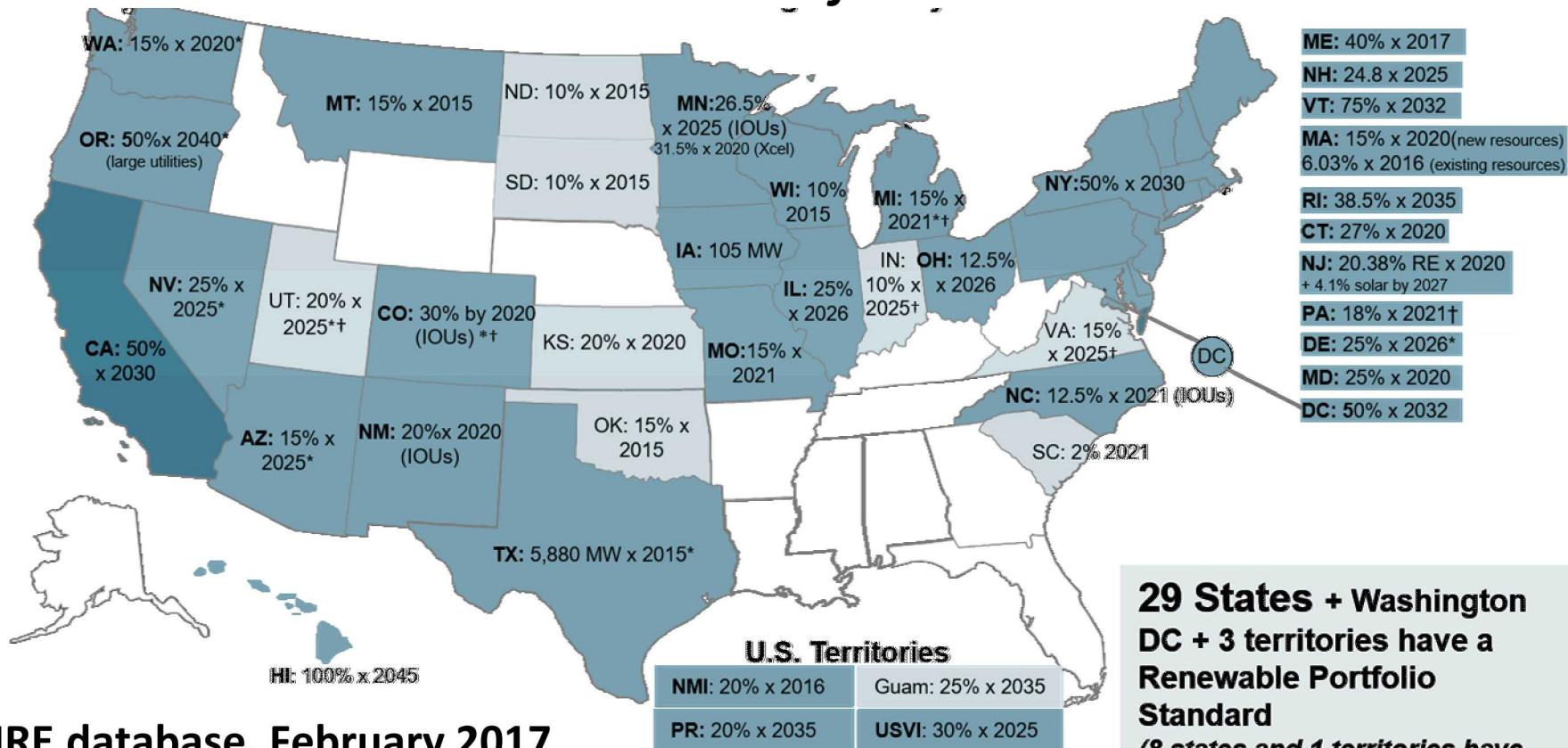
Electricity in the US is primarily from Non-renewable Sources

2017: 81.3% of US electric power from non-renewable sources



States are Committing to Renewable Energy Integration

- 29 state governments, Washington DC, 3 territories have committed to new *Renewable Portfolio Standards*



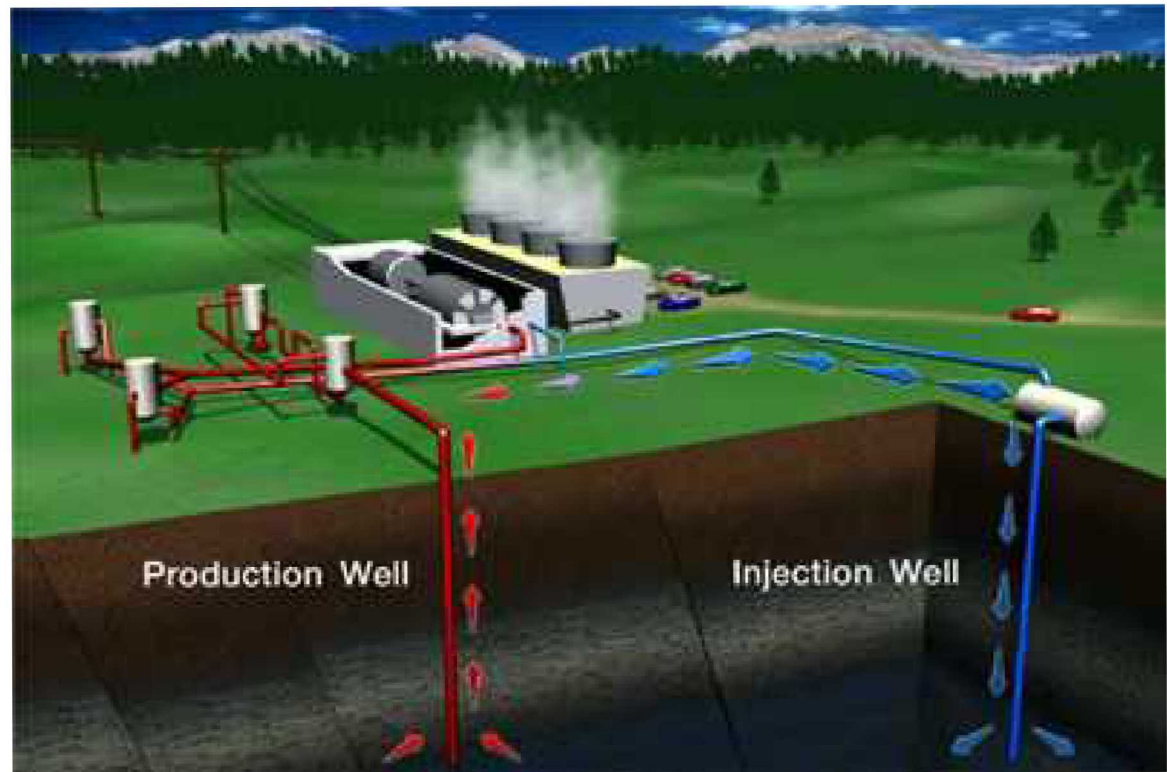
DSIRE database, February 2017

Database of state incentives for renewables and efficiency renewable portfolio standards

<http://www.dsireusa.org/>

Geo-Thermal Energy

- **Water is heated by thermal energy in the earth's crust, converted to steam and used to drive a steam turbine generator**

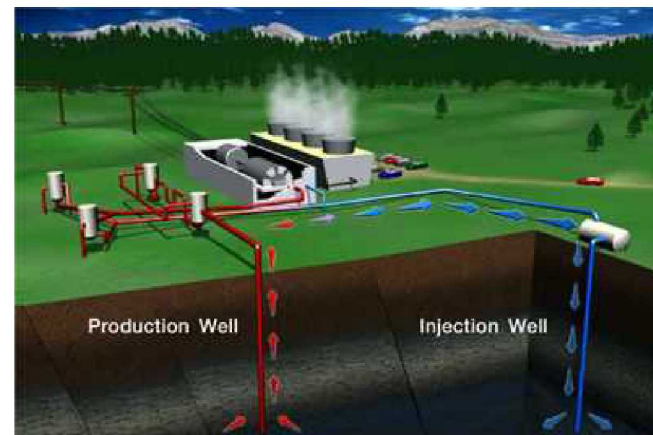


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Geo-Thermal Energy

In 2017, the US consumed an estimated 4.01 Trillion kilo-Watt-hours of electricity¹

- In 2013, US geothermal capacity was 11.4 GW², producing nearly 16.9 Billion kWh³ (0.4%)
- Existing plants tend to be under-utilized⁴
 - 73% utilization can be increased to 92%^{2,4}
- Lowest Land Use of all renewables⁵



[1] <https://www.eia.gov/>

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Hydroelectric Power

- Power is extracted from the potential energy of water

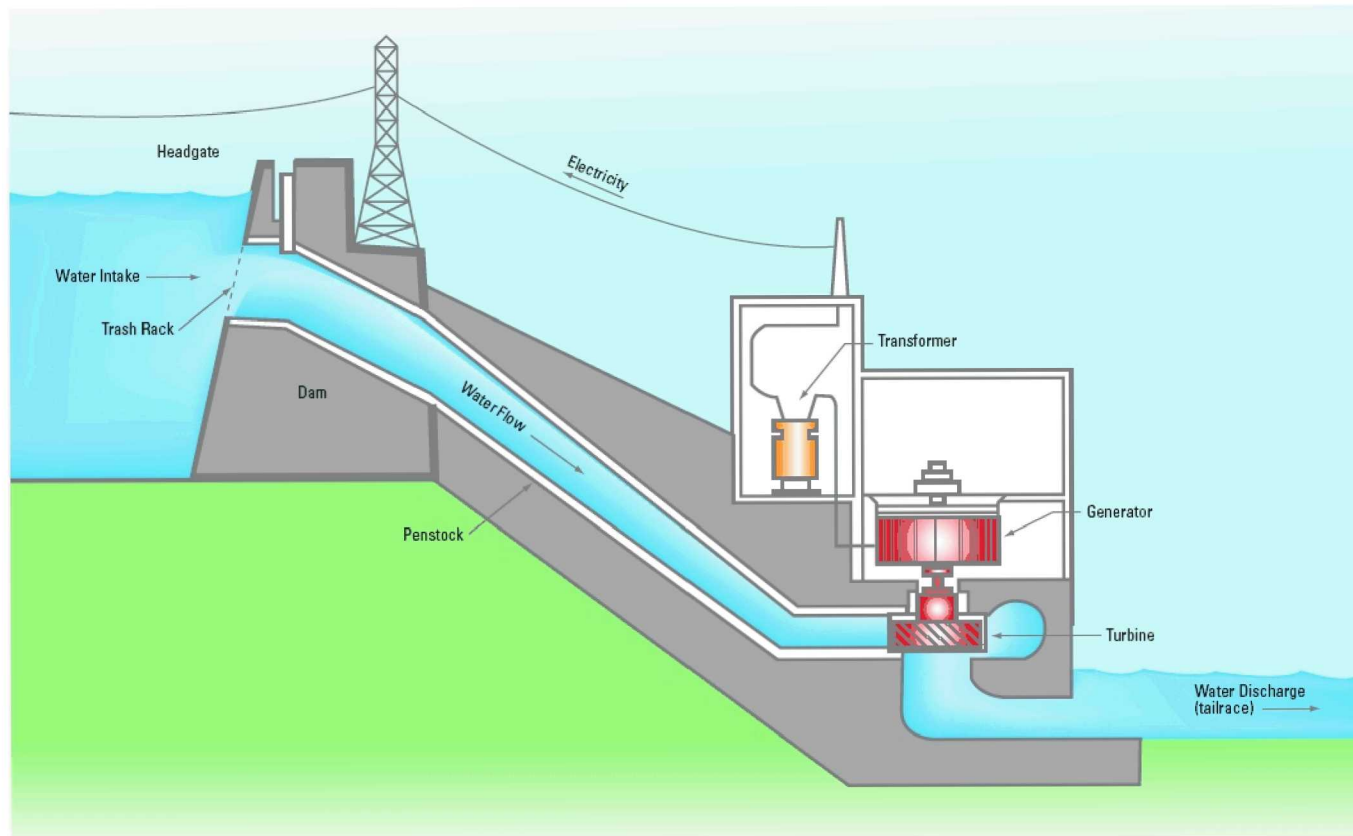


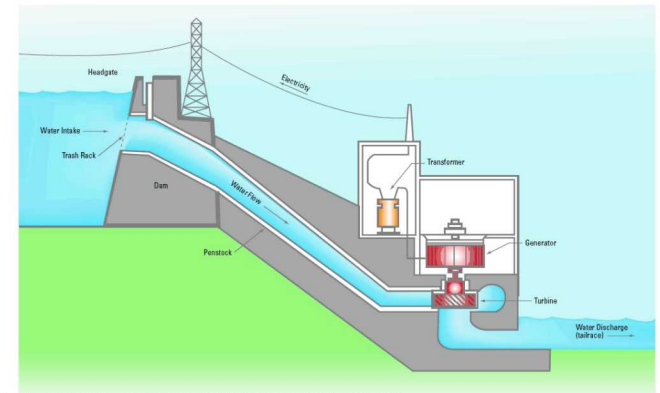
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Hydroelectric Power

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- 270-370 Billion kWh of Hydroelectric power produced annually (6.5-9.0%)^{1,2}
- In 2013 was 75% of nation's total renewable electricity²; in 2017, approx. 40%
- Currently cheapest source of electricity: Average 1.5¢ / kWh²
- About 90% efficient²
- Adding generators to 600 dams could increase hydroelectricity by 15%²



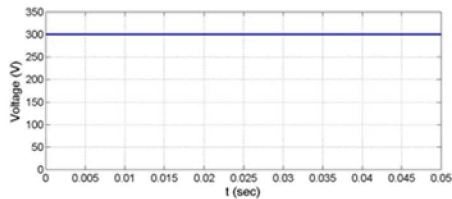
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[2] US congressional committee on natural resources

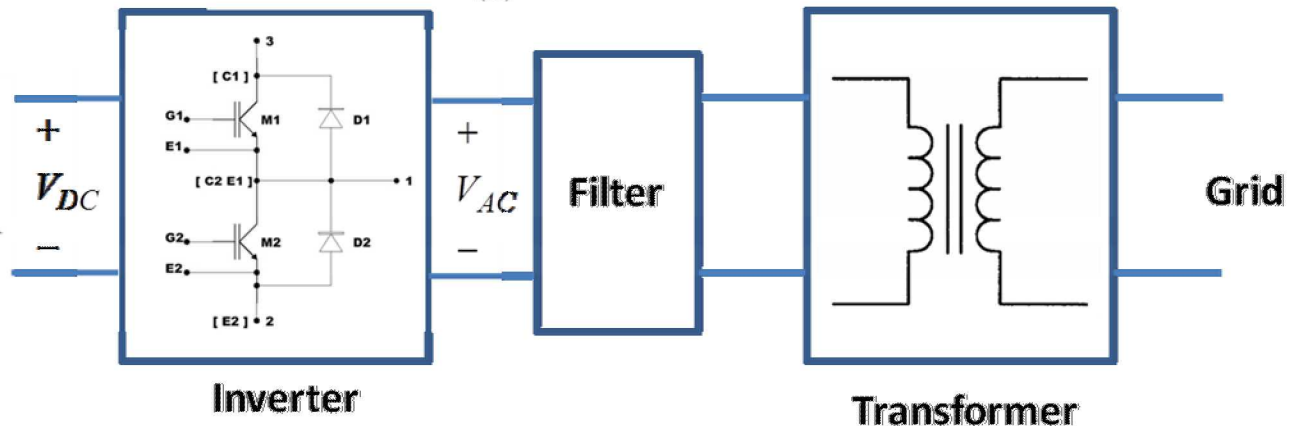
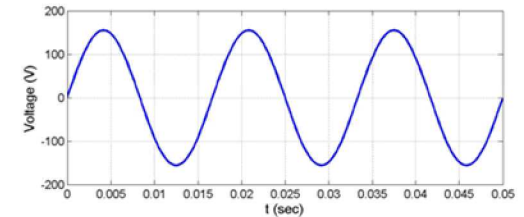
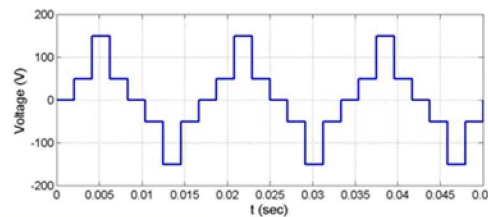
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Photovoltaics

- Electrical Power is extracted directly from sunlight
- DC electrical power is converted to AC, filtered and injected to the grid



PV source



Photovoltaics

In 2017, the US consumed an estimated 4.01 Trillion kilo-Watt-hours of electricity

- 10,000¹-23,000² square miles needed to meet US electricity needs (100%), approx 10-23% the land area of Nevada
- 5,750 square miles needed to meet household demand³



[1] “Renewable Energy - Modern Marvels.” *Modern Marvels*. The History Channel. Season 13 episode 41. September 20, 2006. Television.

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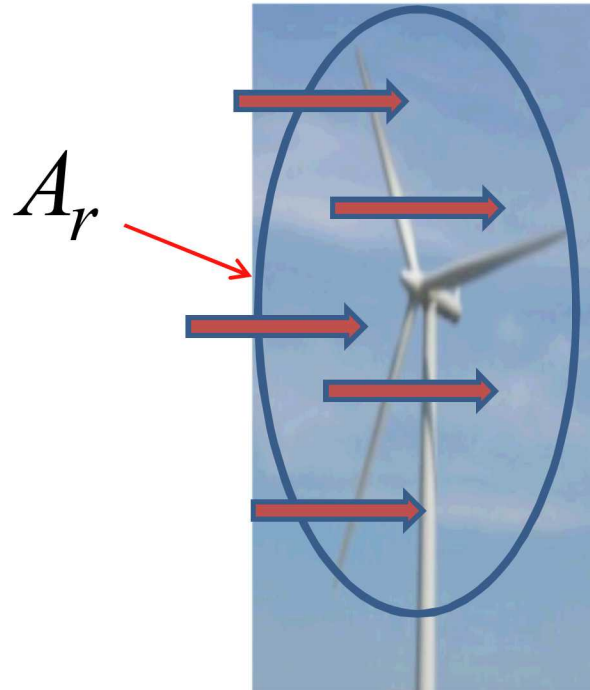
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Wind Turbines

- Power is extracted from the kinetic Energy in the Wind
- Most new wind also connects to the grid using power electronics



$$P_{turb} = \frac{1}{2} C_p (\lambda) \rho_w A_r v_w^3$$



Wind Turbines

In 2017, the US consumed an estimated 4.01 Trillion kilo-Watt-hours of electricity

- Between 121,000 – 202,000 square miles of Wind needed to meet US energy needs (100%)¹
- There's enough wind in North and South Dakota (~147,000 square miles) to meet US energy needs²



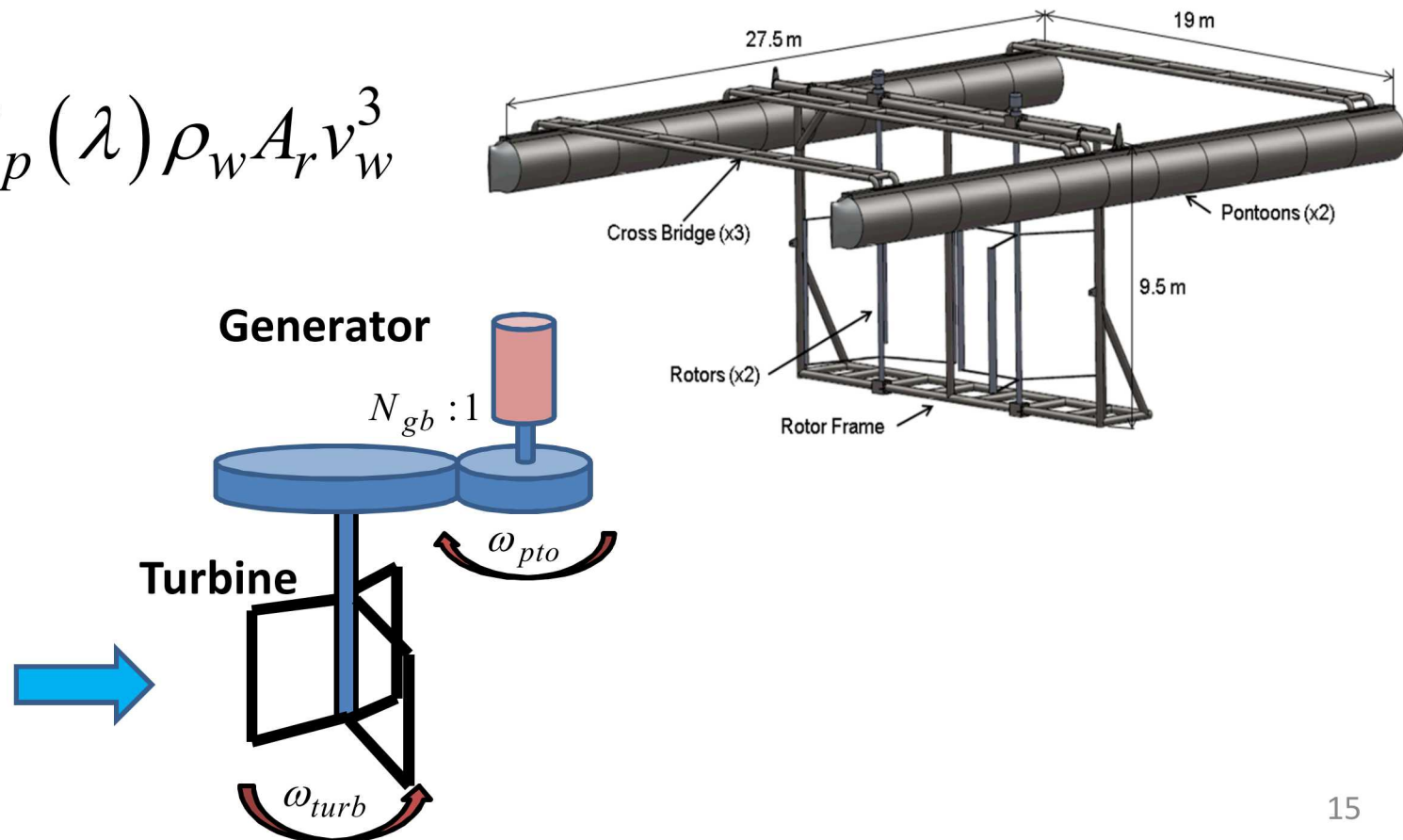
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River Turbine

- Power is extracted from the flow of water
- Connects to the grid through power electronics

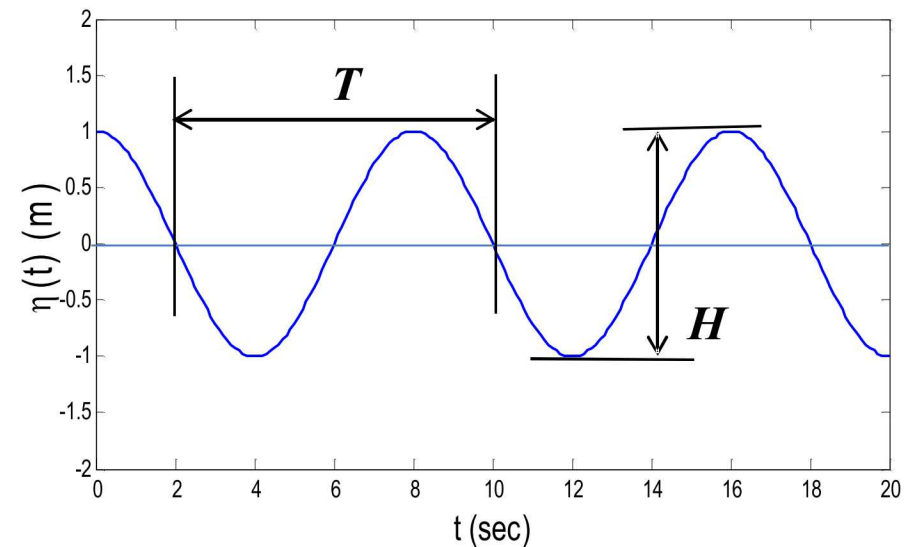
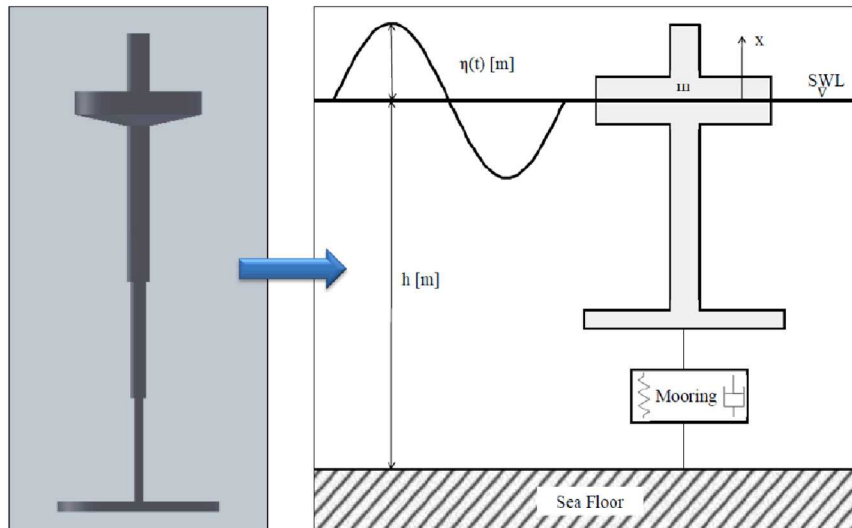
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Wave Energy

- Power is extracted from wave motion
- Connects to the grid through power electronics

$$P_{wave} = \frac{\rho_{sw} g^2 H^2 T}{32\pi} CW$$

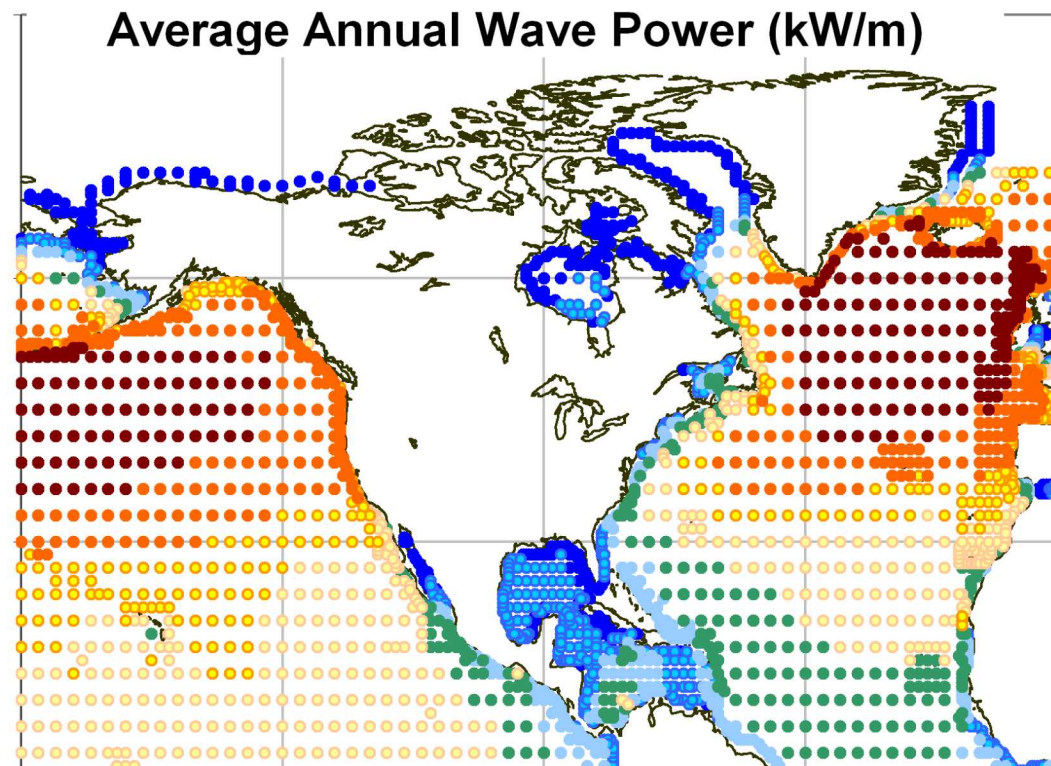
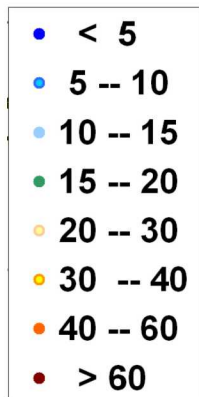


Wave Energy

In 2017, the US consumed an estimated 4.01 Trillion kilo-Watt-hours of electricity

- 440 Billion kWh of wave energy available on West coast¹ (~10.9%)

Average KiloWatts
Per meter¹



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Power versus Energy

- Let's consider briefly a simple household use of power

$$\text{Energy} = \text{Power} \times \text{Time}$$

100 W Light bulb



$$100 \text{ W} \times 2 \text{ hours} = 200 \text{ Watt} \cdot \text{hours}$$

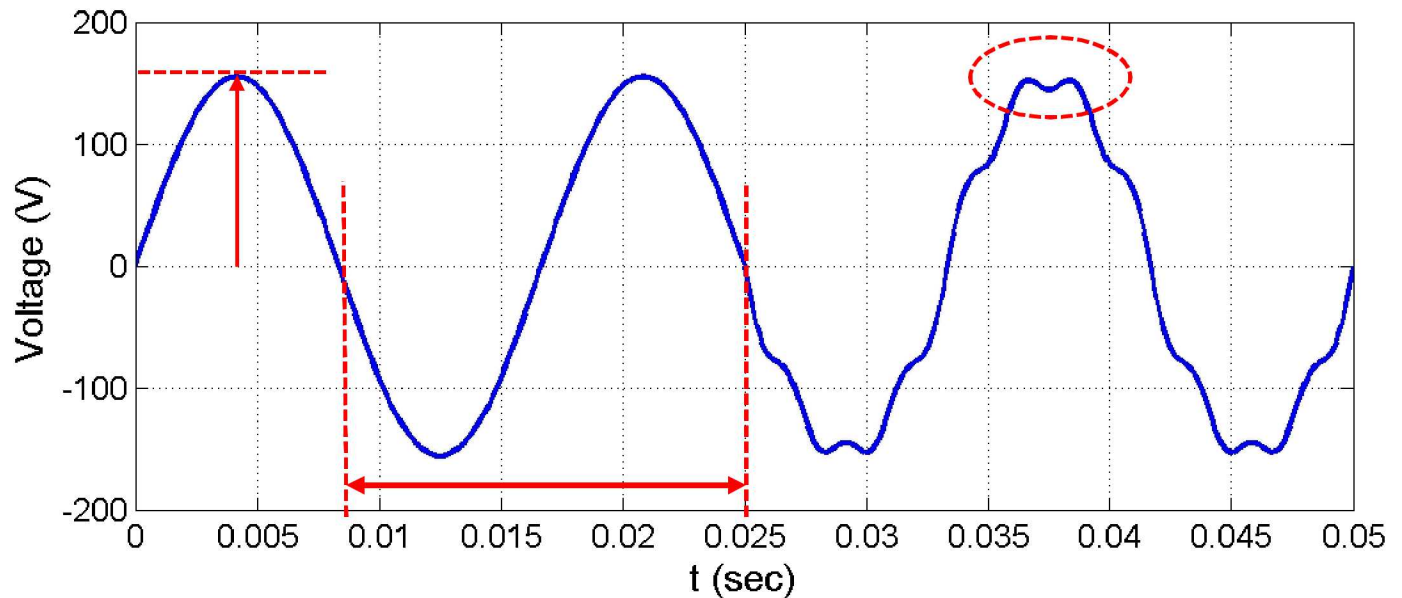
100 W Light bulb



$$100 \text{ W} \times 10 \text{ hours} = 1 \text{ kiloWatt} \cdot \text{hour (kWh)}$$

Power Quality, Continuity of Service, Safety and Cost Matter

- Grid Frequency is regulated and limits are set
- Voltage Amplitude is controlled
- Harmonic content is limited
- Electricity is available almost all the time



Power Quality, Continuity of Service, Safety and Cost Matter

- **System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI)¹**
- **Typically < 90-100 minutes per year**
- **Basically, Power is on > 99.981% of the time, for average customer**

Length of outage in area i

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$$\text{SAIDI} = \frac{\sum U_i N_i}{\sum_I N_i}$$

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Number of customers in region i

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Greater Renewable Penetration is Difficult to Manage

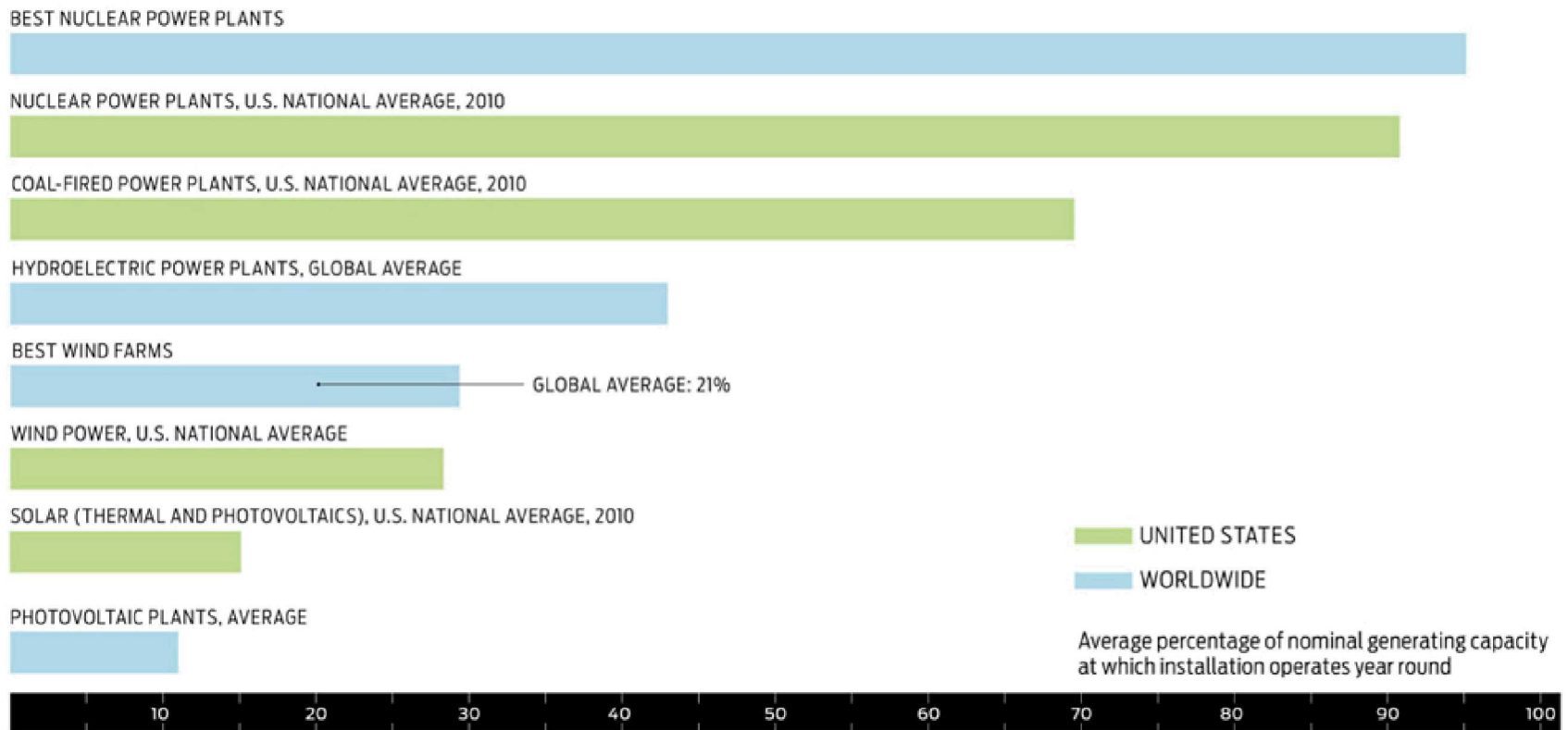
- The Energy (kWh) is there, but many renewables can cause ...
 - Intermittency of power
 - Variability of power
 - Reduction in the “stiffness” of the grid

which may result in ...

- Frequency and Voltage Fluctuations
- Instabilities
- Power Outages

Many Renewable Sources are Intermittent and Variable

- **Renewable generation that depends on the weather will vary with the weather**



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IEEE Spectrum Magazine; June 28 2012

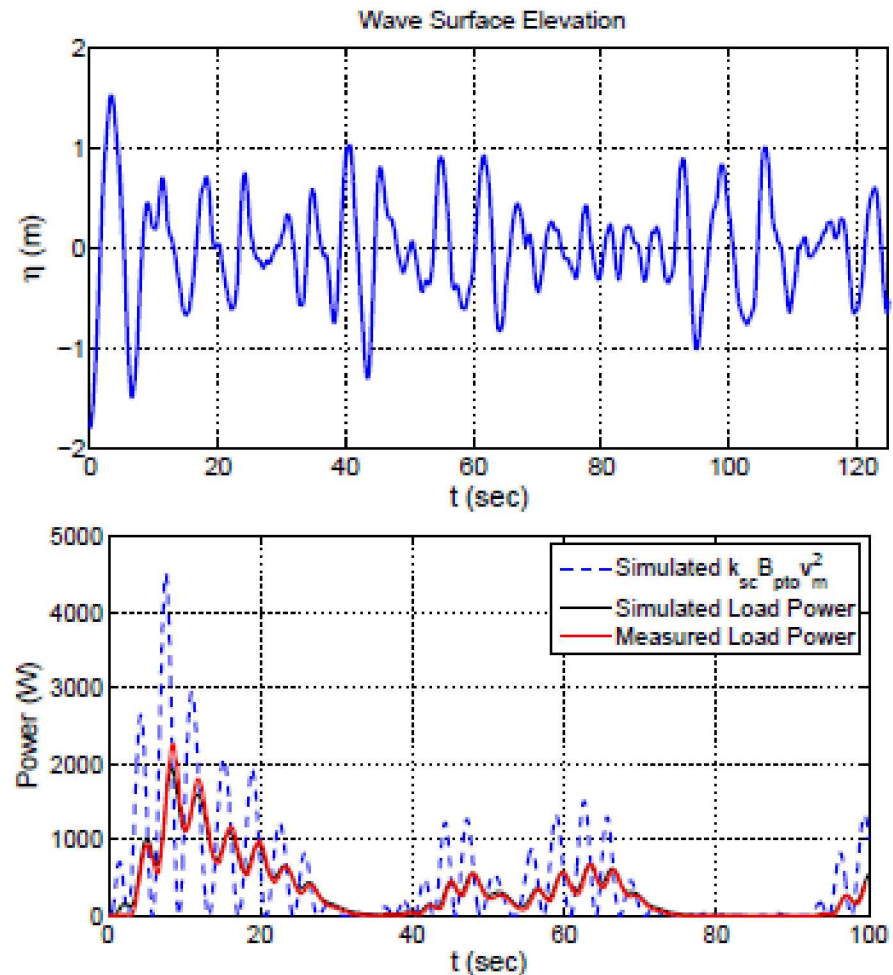
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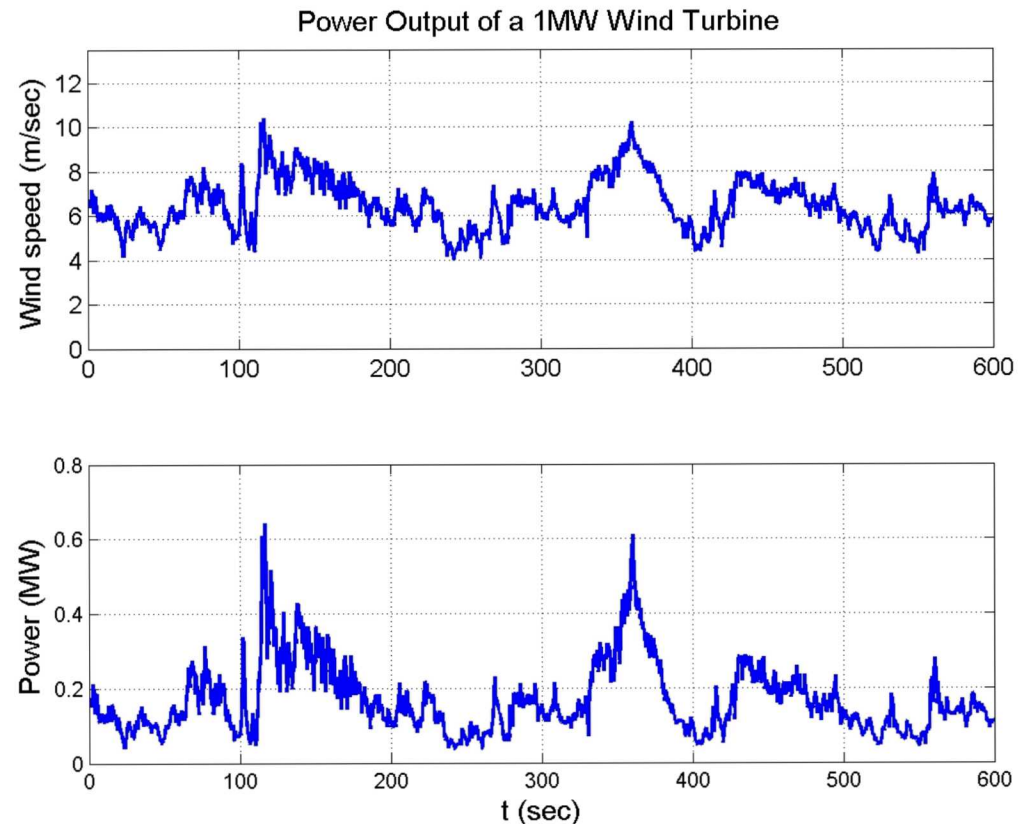
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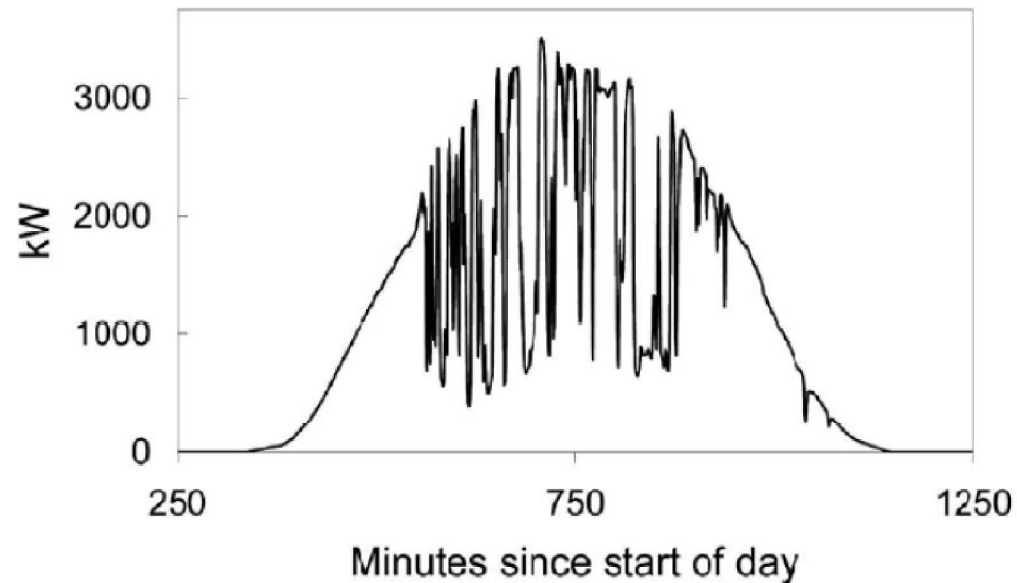
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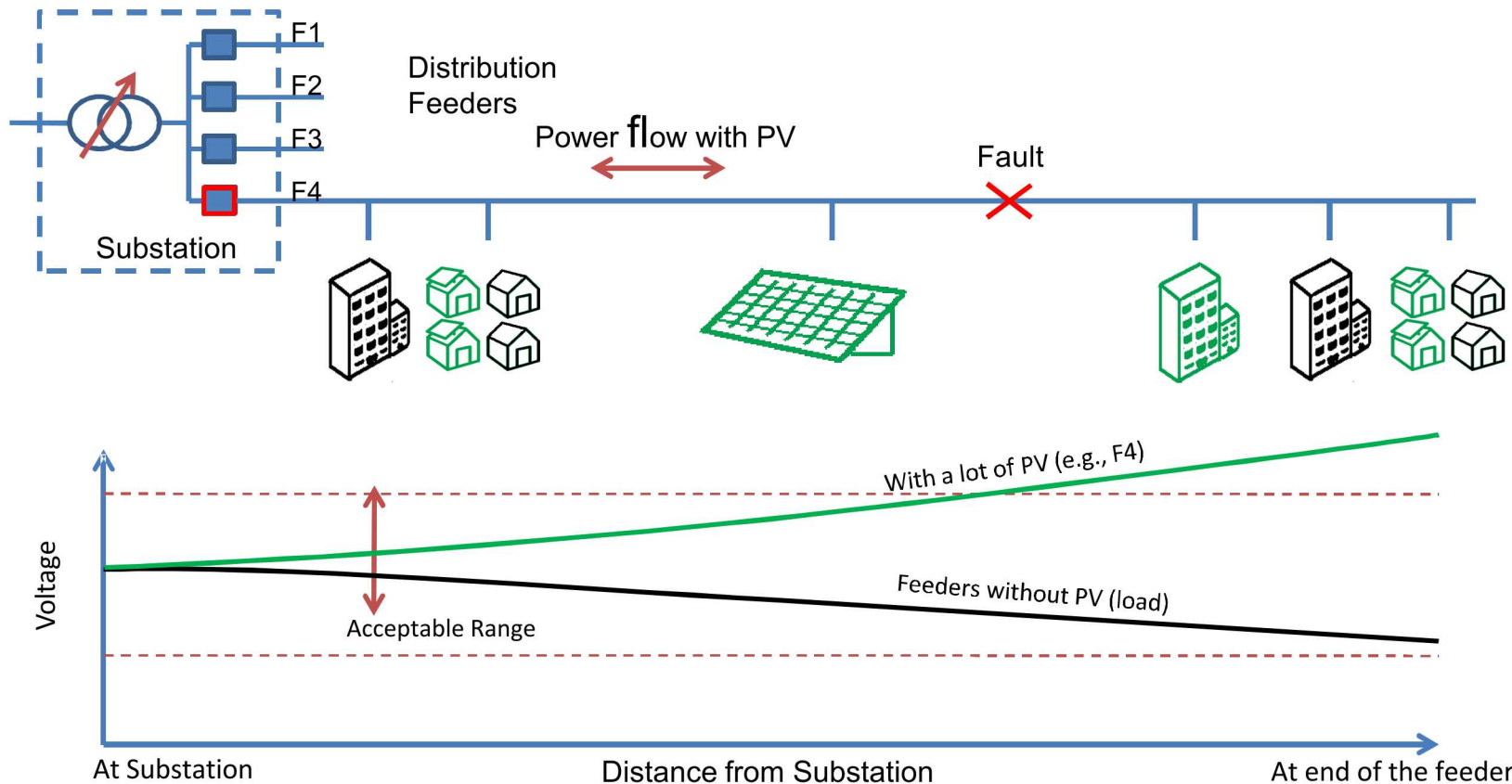
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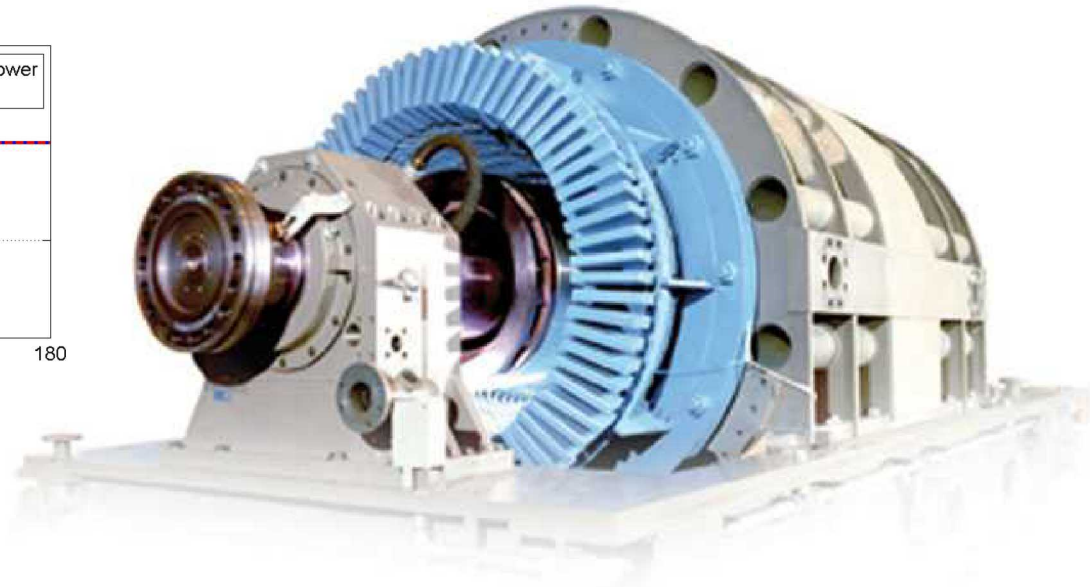
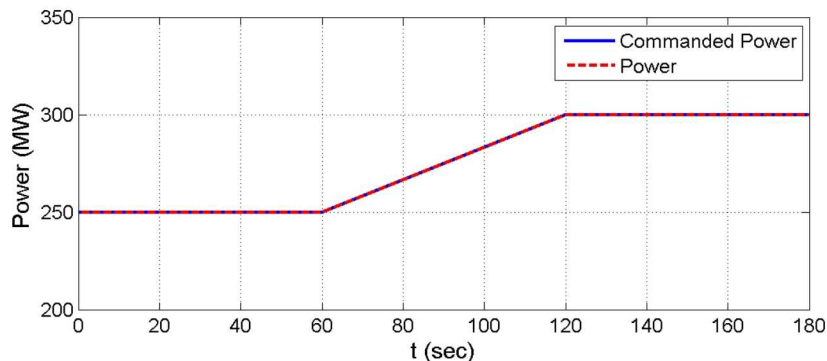
High-Pen PV and grid performance

- **PV characteristics (variable, non-dispatchable, inverter-based, distributed) can affect grid performance**
 - Local voltage control & protection issues tend to emerge first



Grid Stability Relies on Precise Control of Power Generation and Power Flow

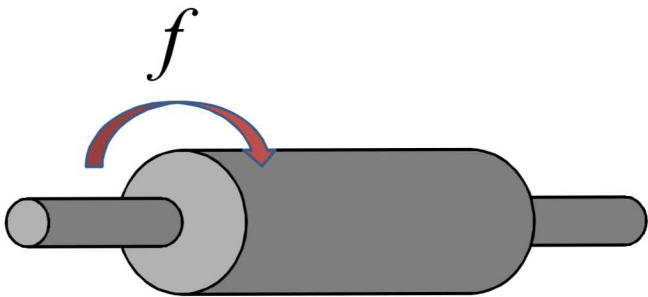
- **Conventional generation is (usually) very good at maintaining power quality/stability**
 - Precise control of output power for frequency regulation
 - Excitation control for voltage regulation



'Inertia' Plays a Key Role in Grid Dynamics

- The grid stores (*some*) kinetic energy in the rotating mass of generators

$$E_{Kinetic} = \frac{1}{2} J (2\pi f)^2$$



Increased Variability and Reduced Inertia Increase Frequency Variation

- **Perturbations in frequency depend on power variation and inertia**
 - Sources and loads are matched in real-time with little “wobble room” but inertia does store some kinetic energy
 - Reduced system inertia can make system more sensitive to power variation
 - Most distributed PV and Wind is programmed to shutoff with dips in frequency

Variation in source

$$\Delta f = \frac{\Delta P_{Gen} - \Delta P_{Load}}{4\pi^2 f \cdot J} \leftarrow \text{Inertia}$$

Advanced Inverters for PV Integration

Advanced Inverters Incorporate New Controls to Aid Grid Integration

- It can become increasingly difficult and expensive to integrate PV at higher and higher penetration levels
- A big part of the solution: deployment of advanced inverters in future distribution-connected PV systems
- **Definition : Advanced inverters...**
 - Actively support voltage and frequency by modulating the output
 - Have high tolerance to grid disturbances
 - Interact with the system via communications



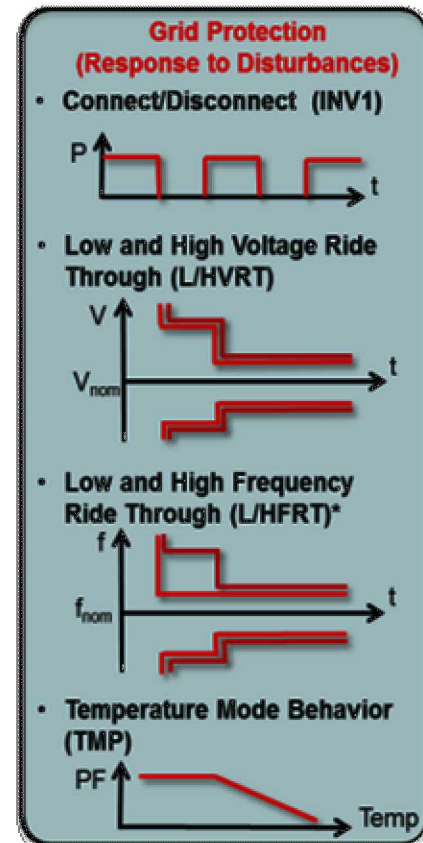
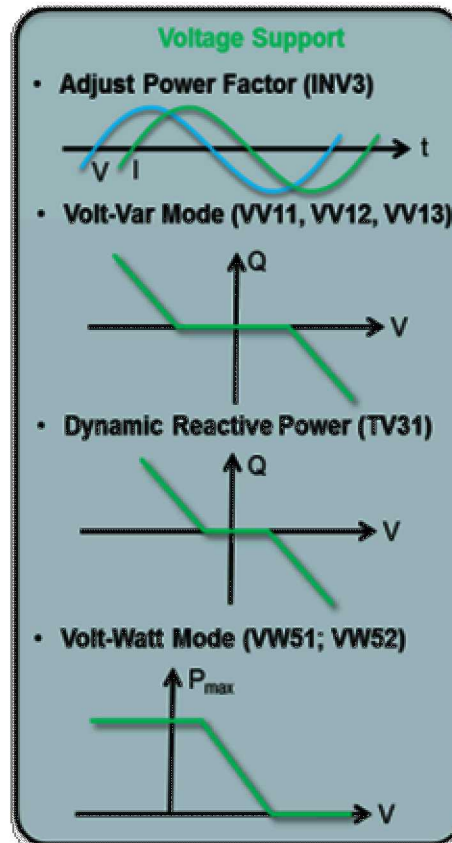
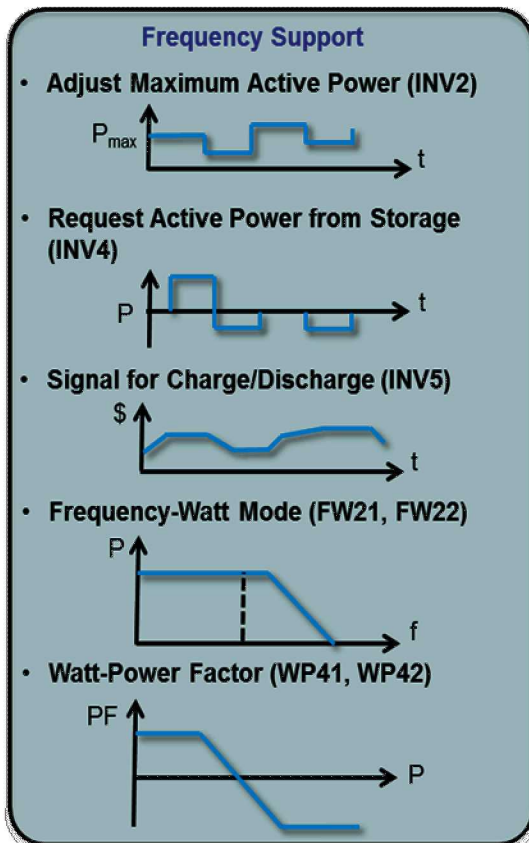
*...Faster than a tap changer
...More powerful than a
rotating machine
...Able to leap deep voltage
sags in a single bound*

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Functional definitions are in Progress

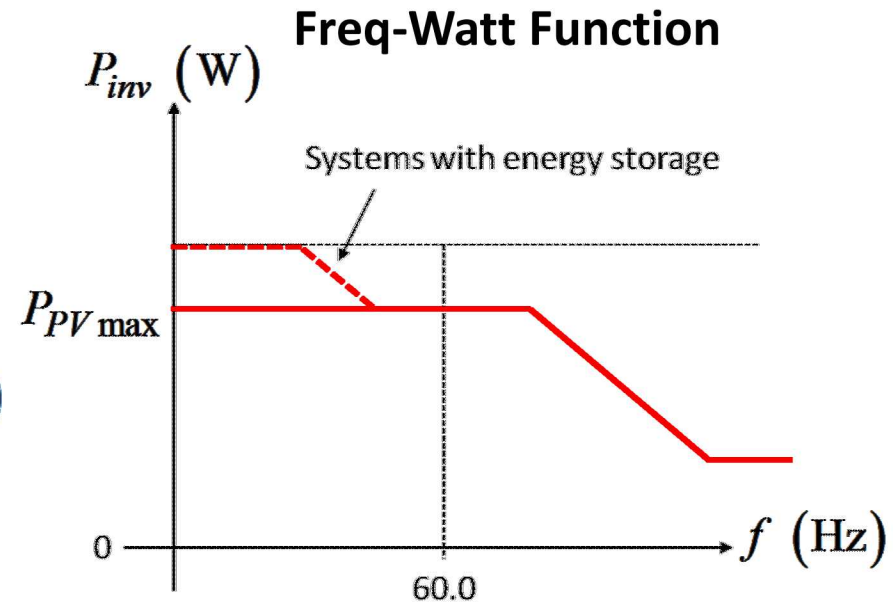
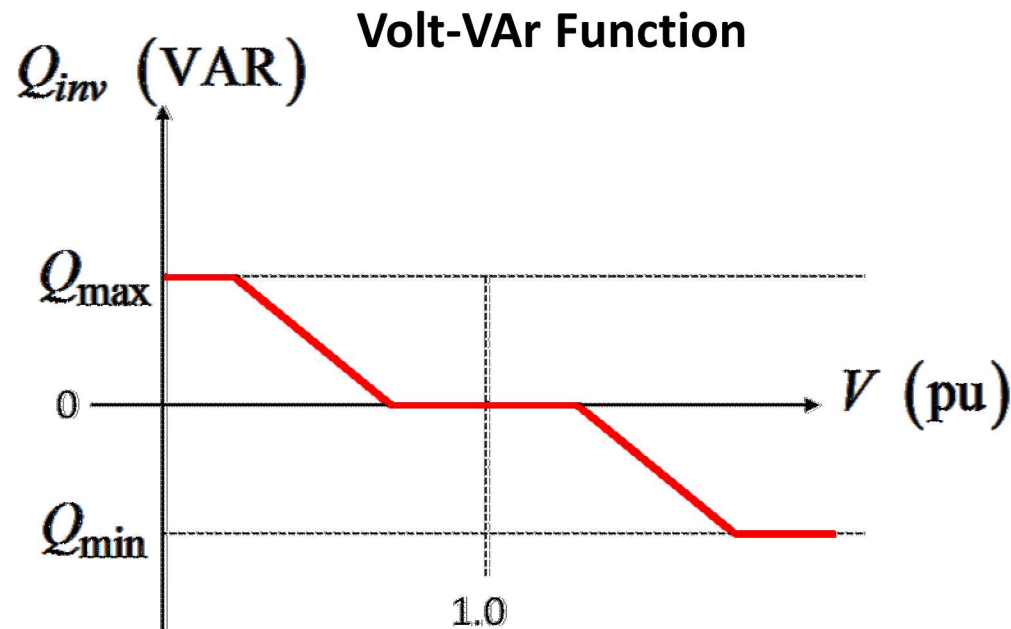


- Define functions (e.g., Q vs. V) and how they are specified
- Functions implemented Autonomously or by Remote Command
 - Autonomous: Inverter response to local voltage and frequency conditions
 - Commanded: Remote control (e.g., on/off) & configure autonomous behavior



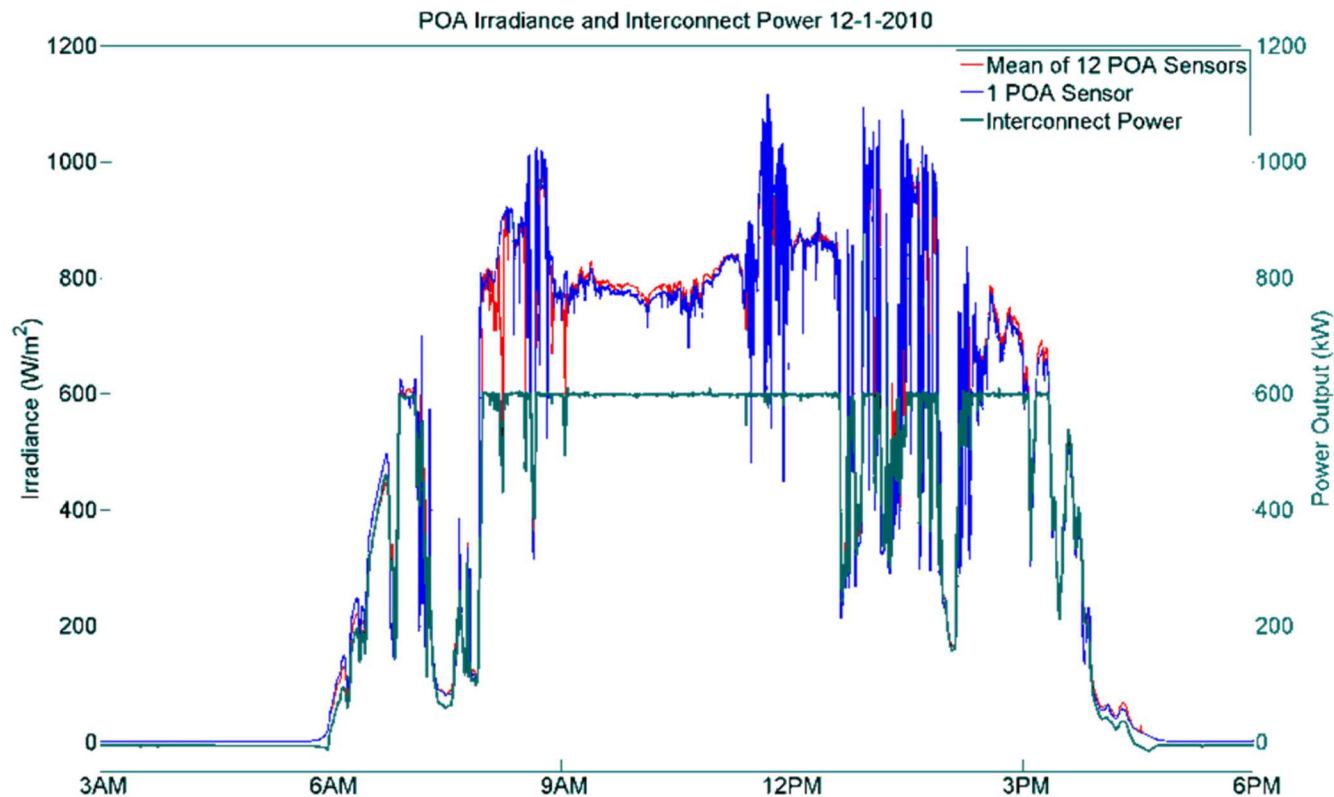
Let's Look Closer at Functions that Mitigate Frequency and Voltage Fluctuation

- So how do we get Photovoltaics to “look like” generators
- Specialized functions monitor system voltage and frequency at grid connection and modulate real and reactive power output



An Alternative is to Mitigate Variability with Curtailment

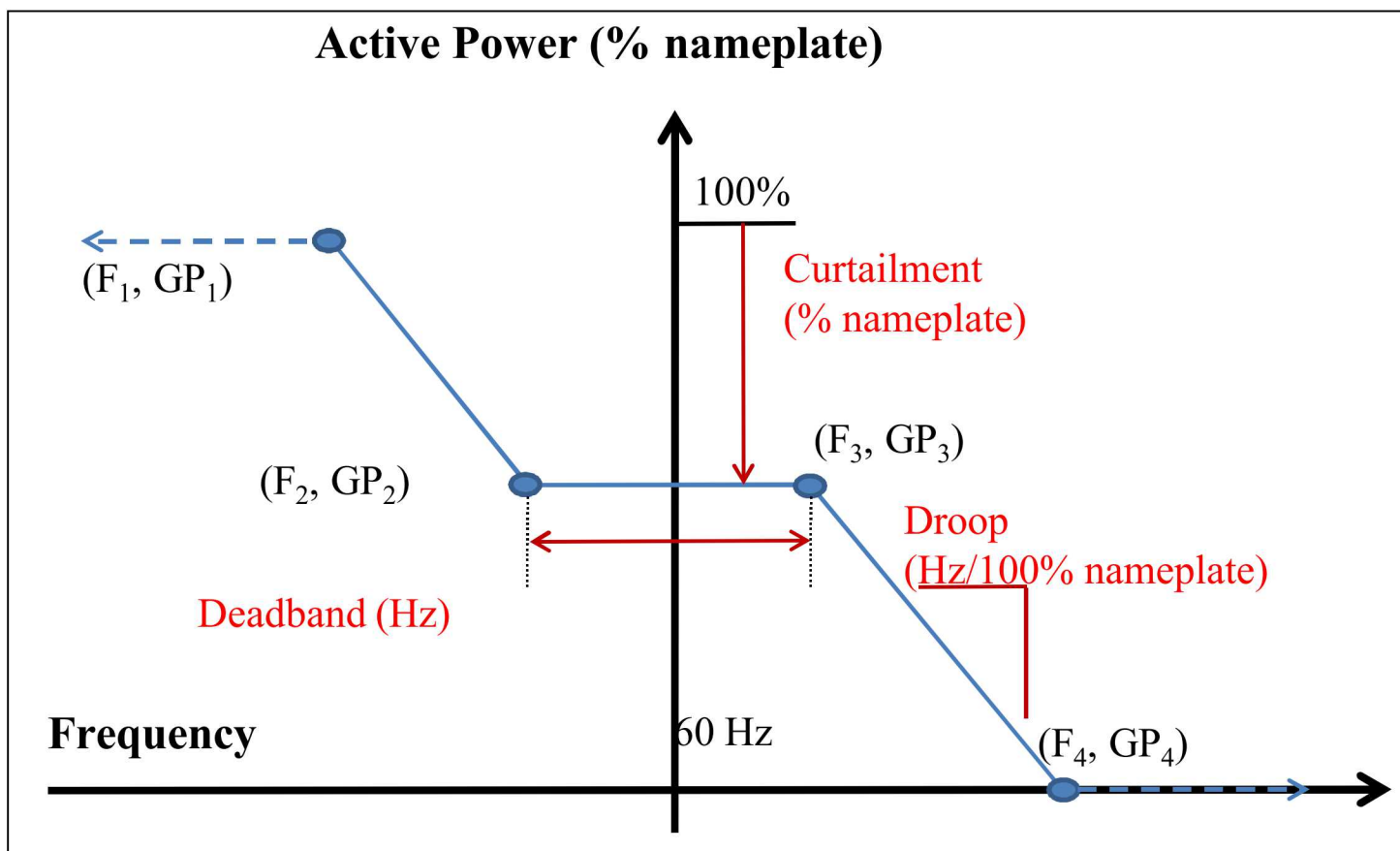
- In previous works, PV system curtailment was used to manage PV variability by reducing PV power ramp rates that affect grid frequency and voltage [1]



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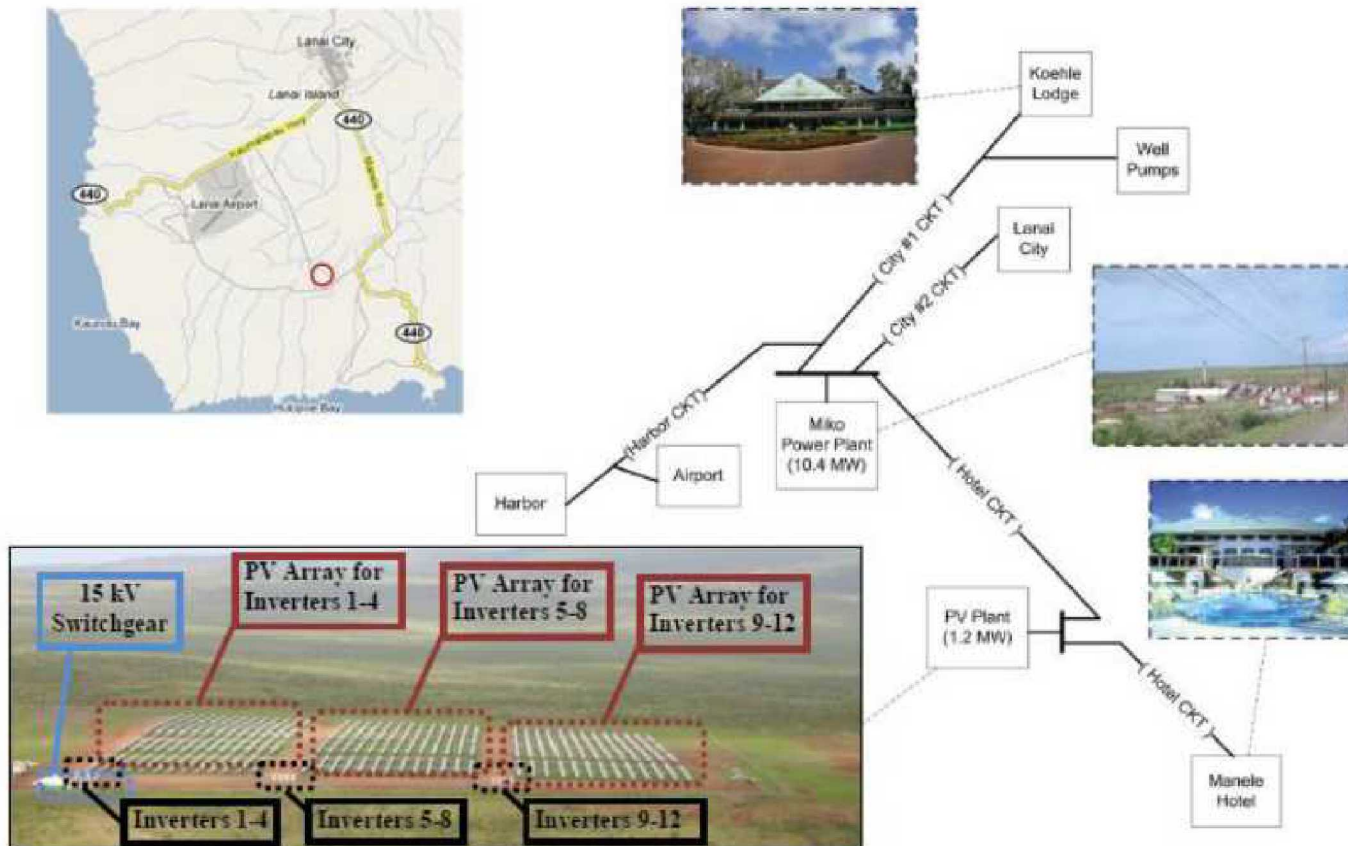
PV Curtailment can Provide Headroom for Under-Frequency Response

- In this study, PV power was curtailed to provide “head room”, allowing Frequency-Watt functions to respond to over and under frequency events without energy storage



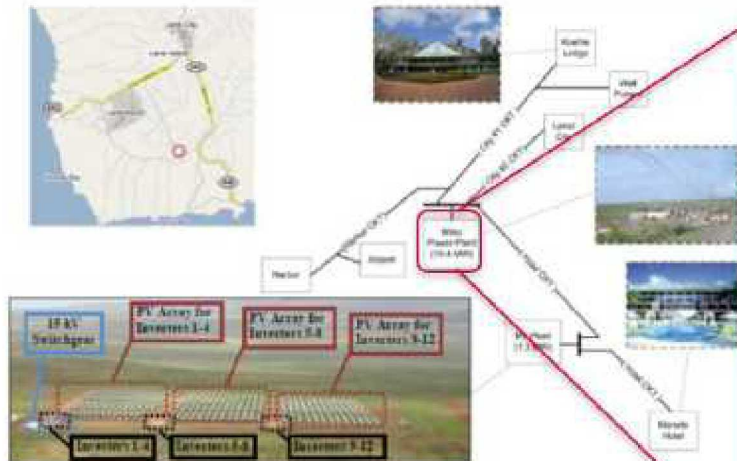
A Study was Done Focused on the Lana'i Power System

- Island is 140.5 square miles
- 3,200 residents in 1,150 households
- 6 MW peak load
- 10.4 MW diesel power plant, 1.2 MW La Ola PV Power plant
- Characterized by high solar variability

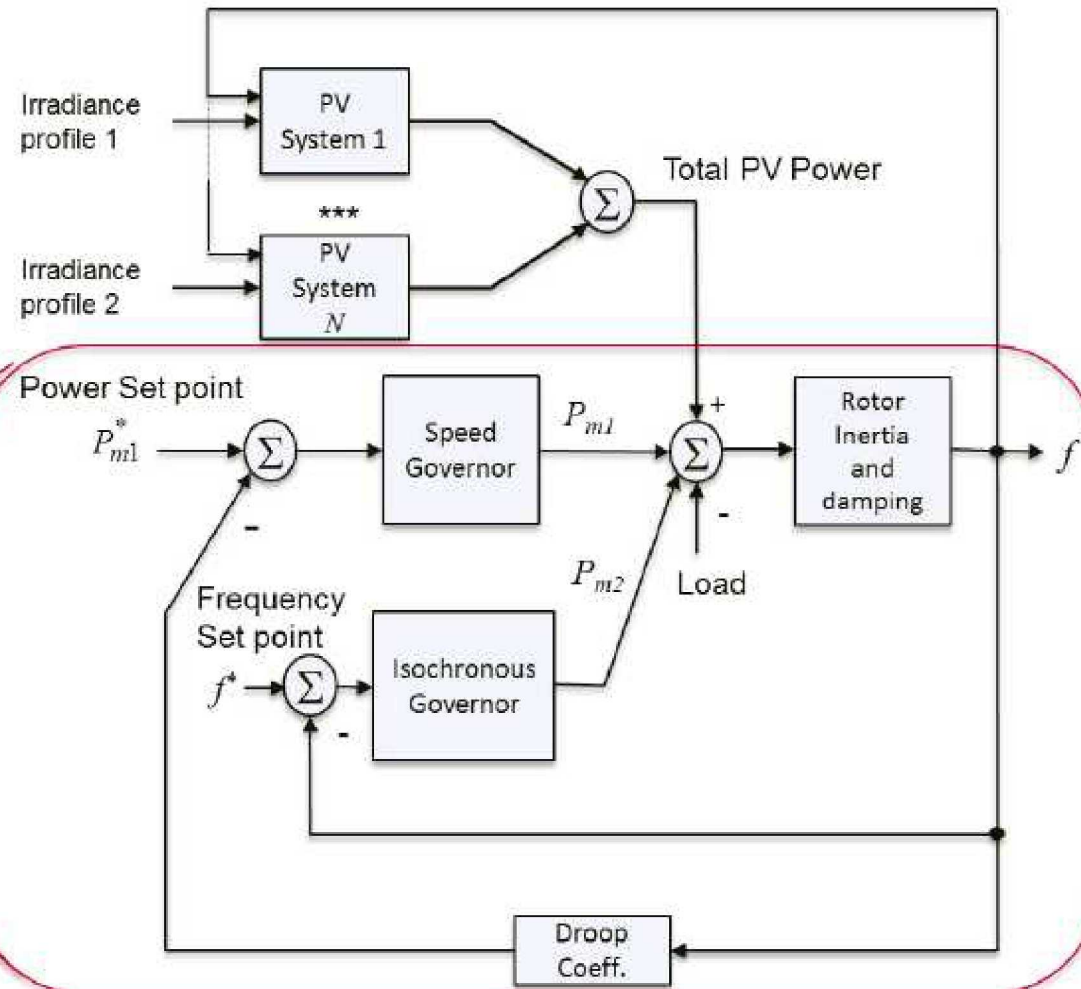


Simplified Lana'i Power System Model Allows Day-Long Simulations

- Generation was summed and aggregated
- System simulated in MATLAB from sunrise to sundown

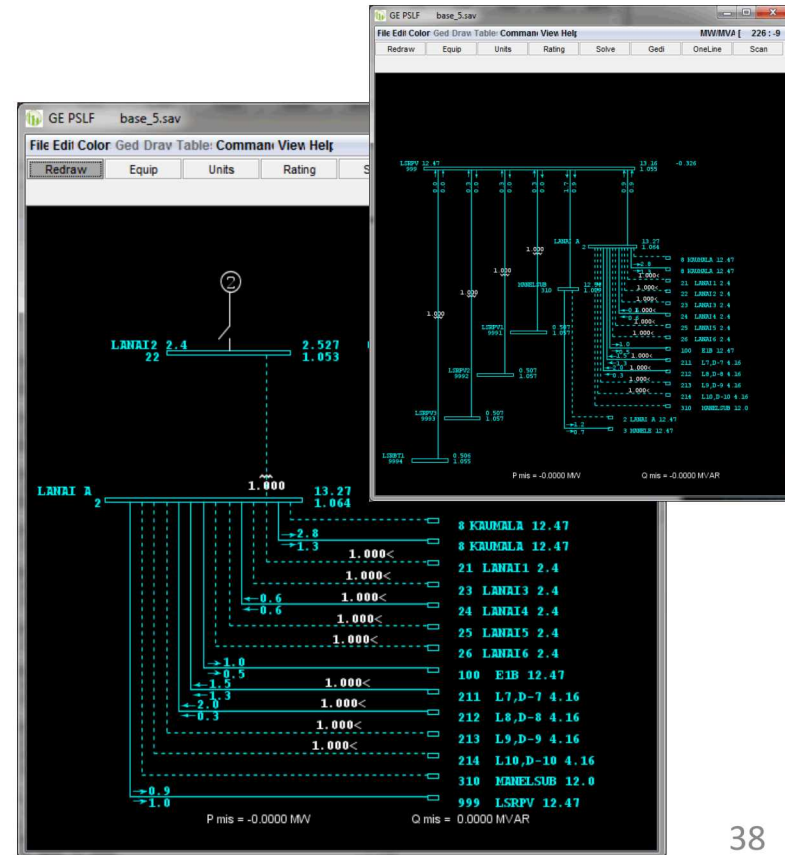
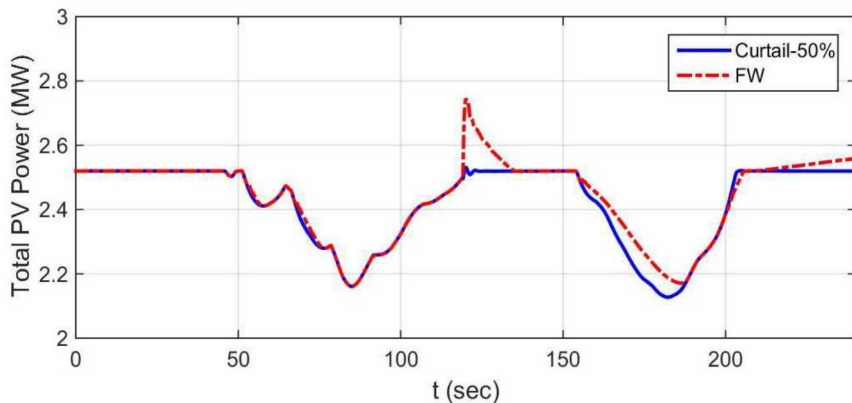
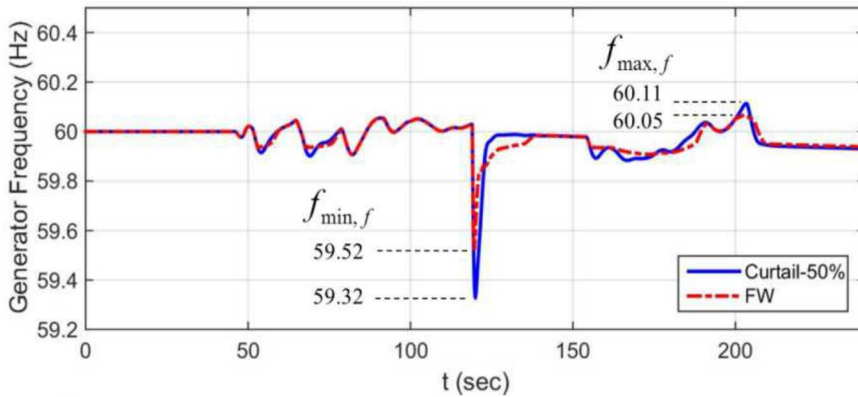


Power Plant Simplified Model



High Fidelity Lana'i Power System Model Enables Contingency Simulation

- Lana'i power system was modeled in GE's Positive Sequence Load Flow (PSLF)
- System simulated for 4 minutes with contingency events
 - *Line Fault*
 - *Loss of Synchronous Generator*



Irradiance Data from La Ola PV Plant used to Compute Available PV power

– Four datasets were selected

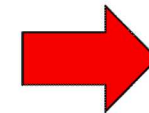
- *Lowest variability* – December 7th, 2010
- *'Average' variability* – September 3rd, 2010
- *Highest Single Ramp rate* – April 23rd, 2011
- *Highest variability* – November 4th, 2010

– Available PV power computed using Sandia Models

- *Sandia Wavelet Variability Model*
- *Sandia Array Performance Model*
- *Tracker and rooftop*

WVM Inputs

- PV Plant Footprint/
Density of PV
- Point Sensor
Timeseries
- Daily Cloud Speed



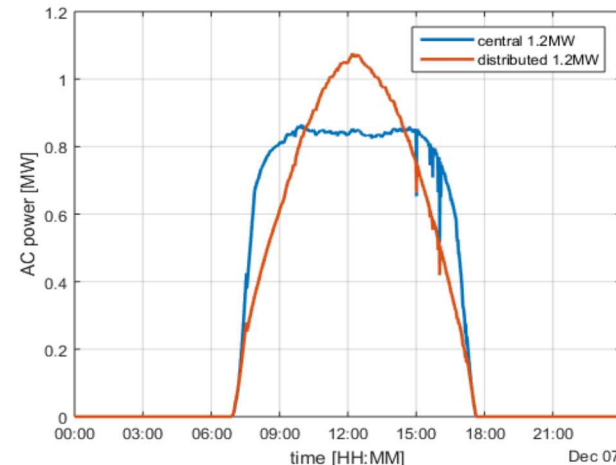
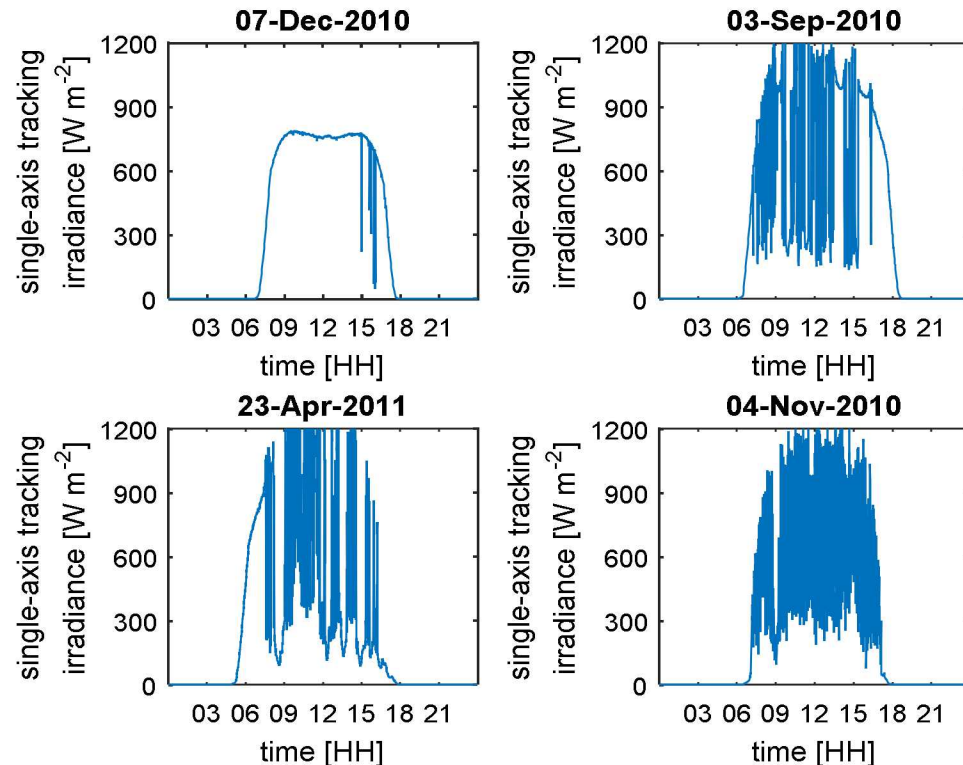
determine variability reduction (smoothing) at each wavelet timescale

WVM Outputs

Plant Areal Average Irradiance

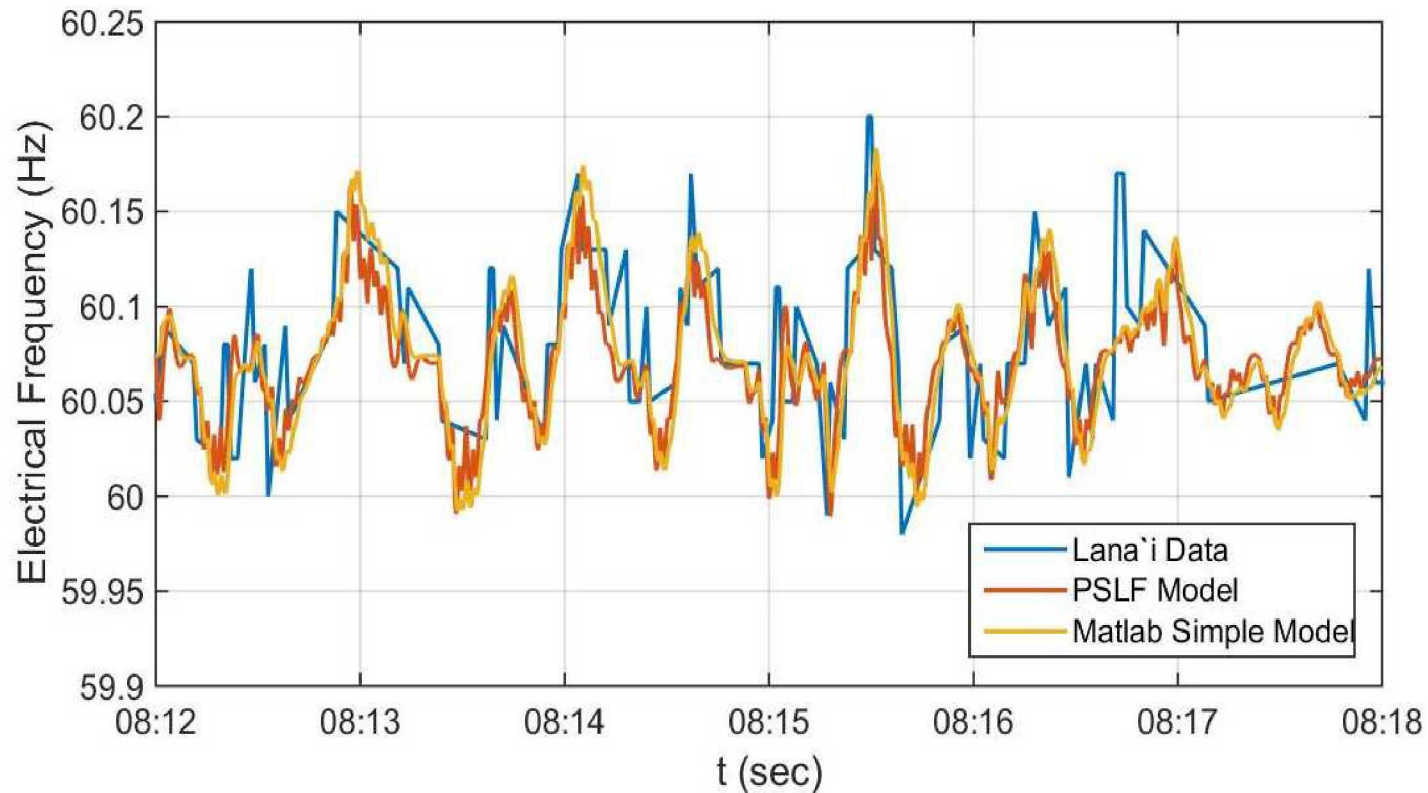
irradiance to power model

Plant Power Output



Both Models were Validated using Data from La Ola PV Plant

- An OSIsoft PI server contains time-synchronized PV power and frequency data
- A period of high PV variability was replayed in both the simplified MATLAB model and the PSLF system model to generate simulated grid frequency
- Simulated and modeled frequency responses were compared



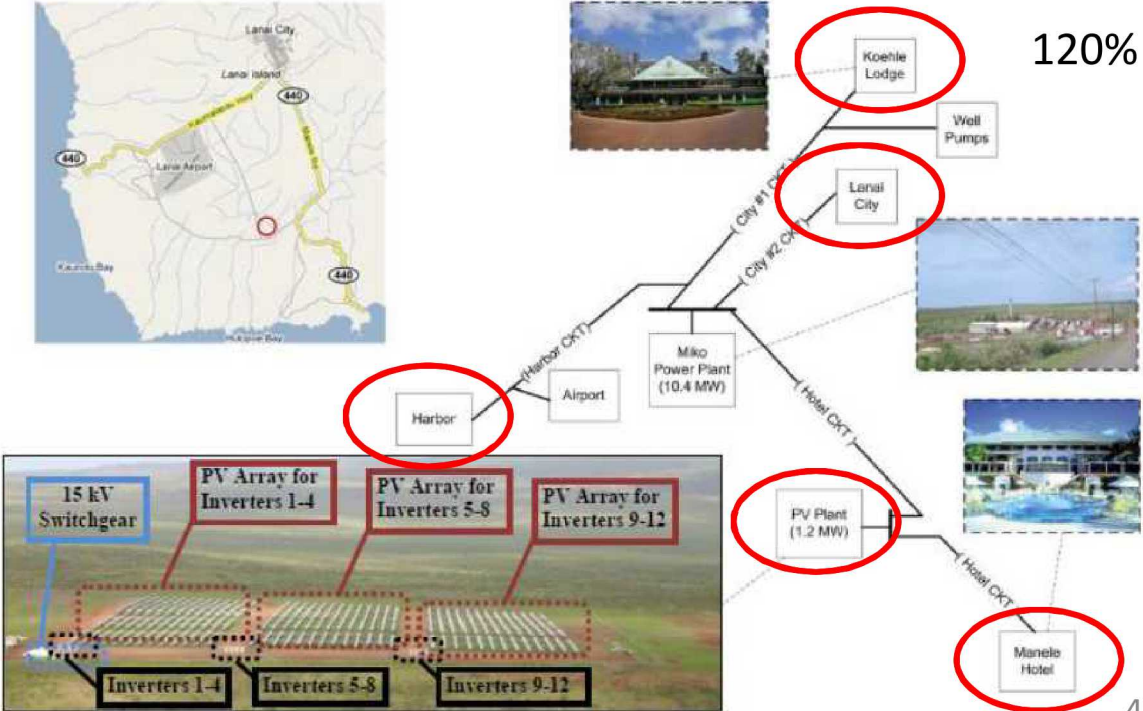
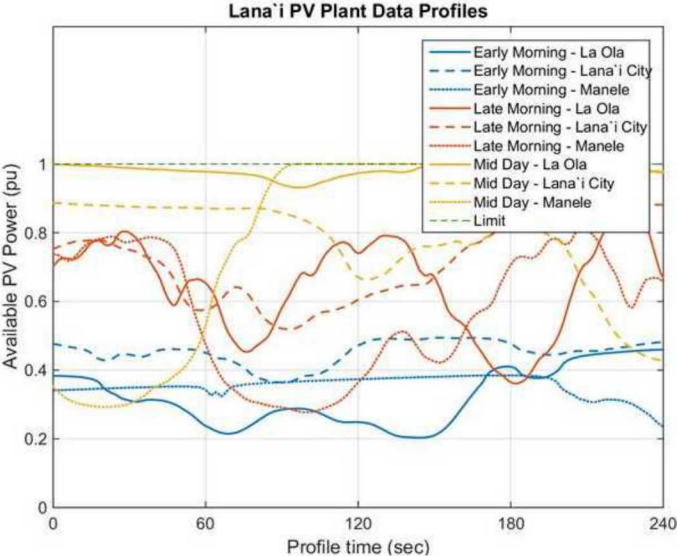
PV Variability and Geographic Diversity were Included in System Models



- To increase PV penetration in the model, new systems were “installed”
- Using realistic assumptions of cloud motion, La Ola data was time-shifted to enable varying PV power in different locations

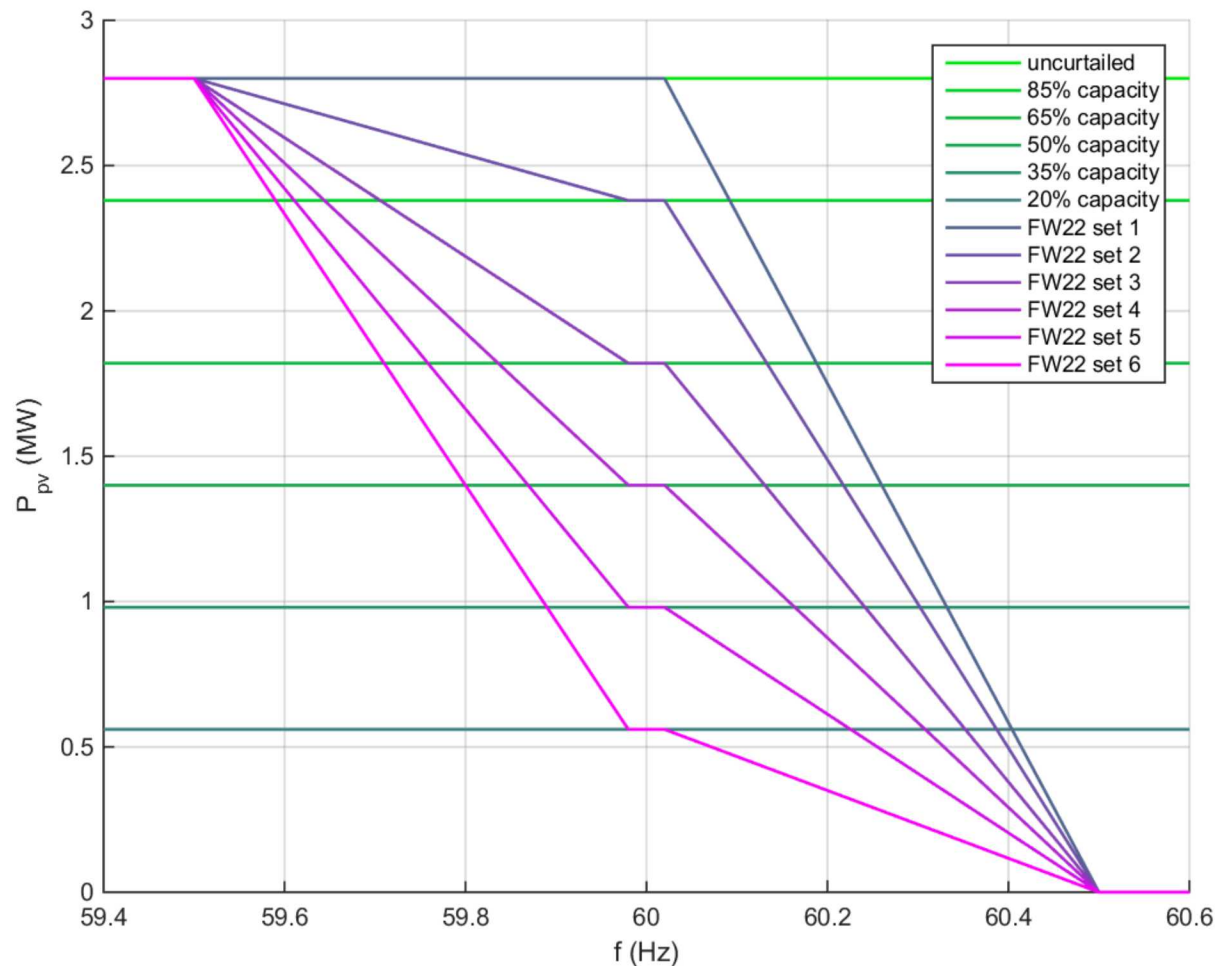
PV scenarios considered PV Penetration, Type, Time of day

20%
70%
120%



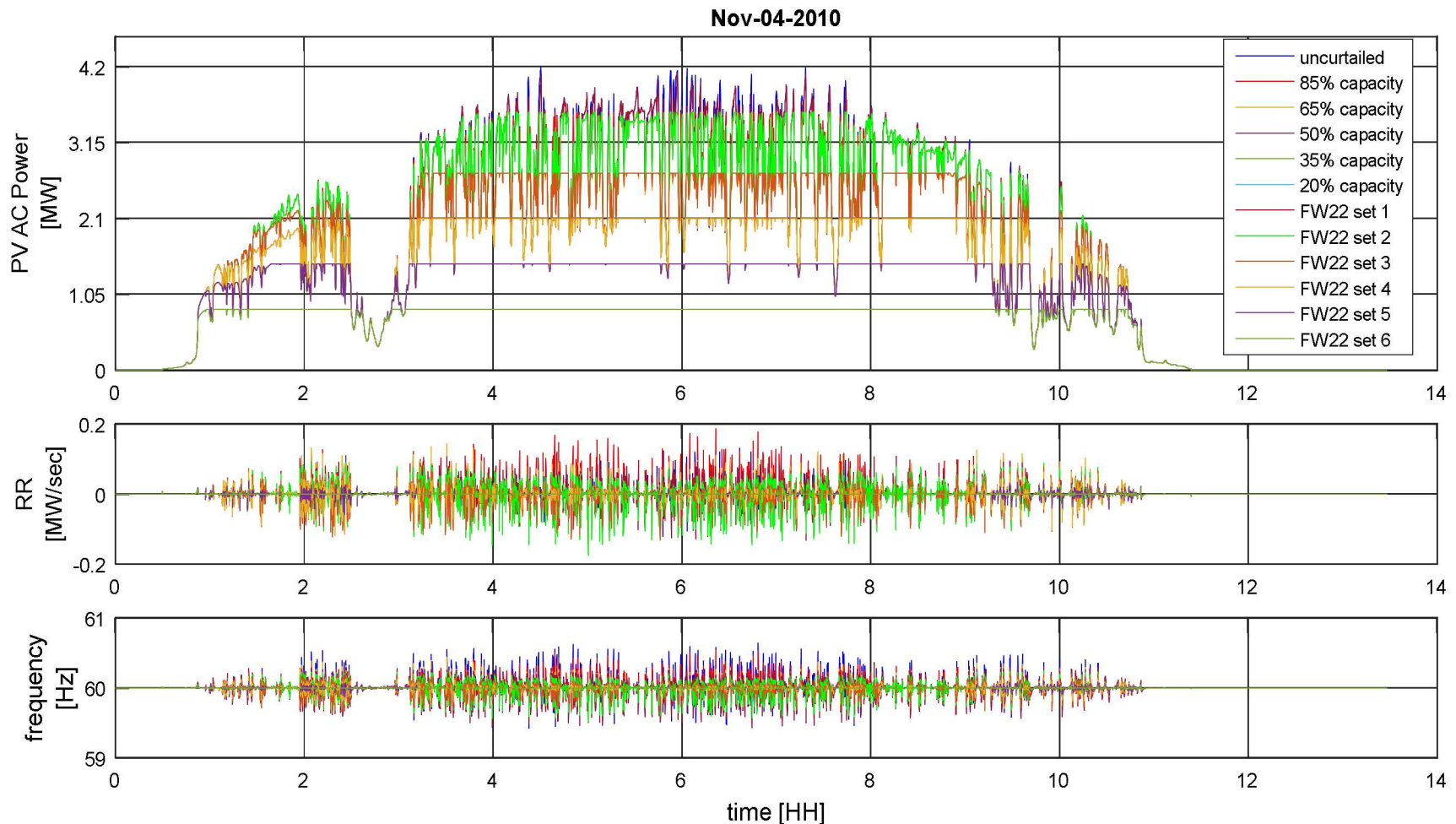
Simulation Studies Included Several Frequency-Watt Settings

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Energy versus Performance Outcomes were Compared in MATLAB

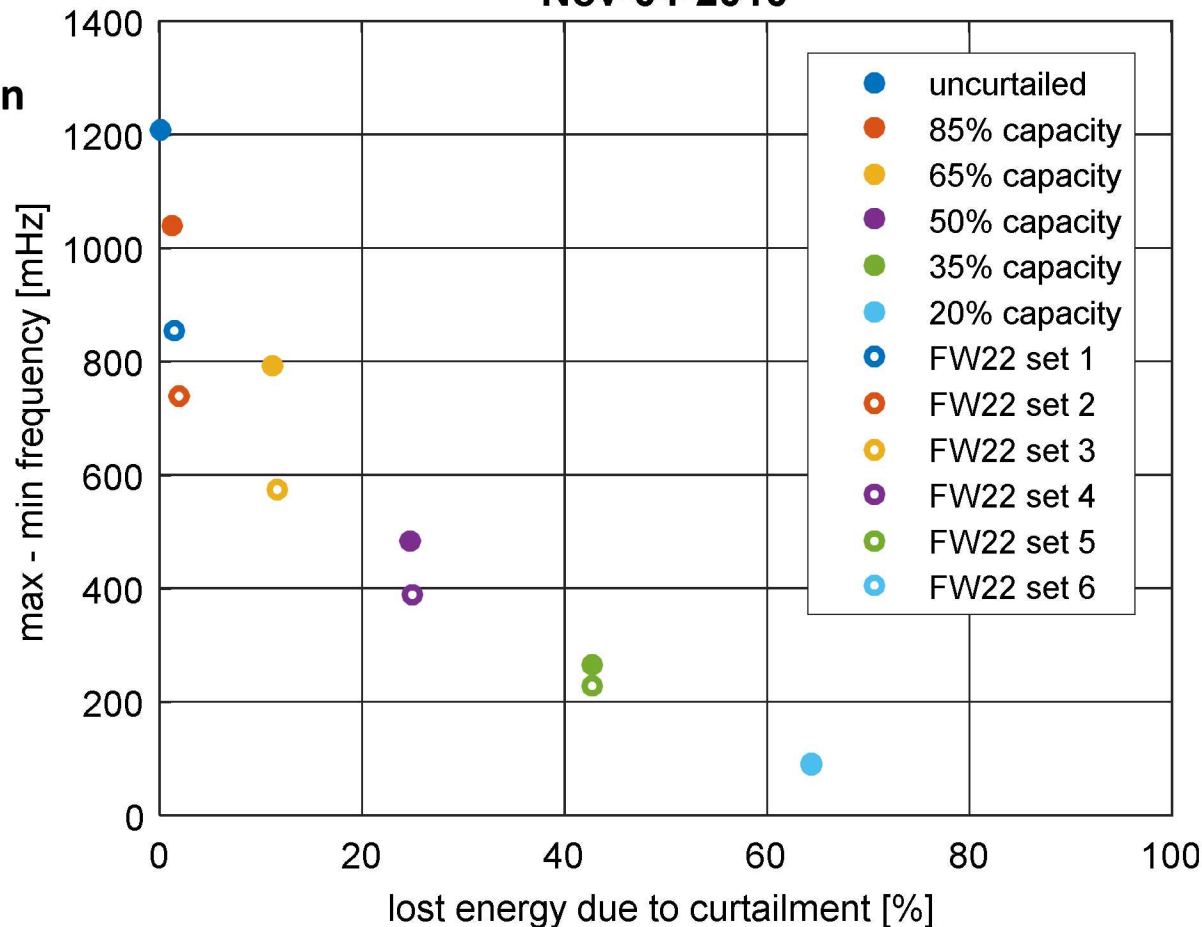
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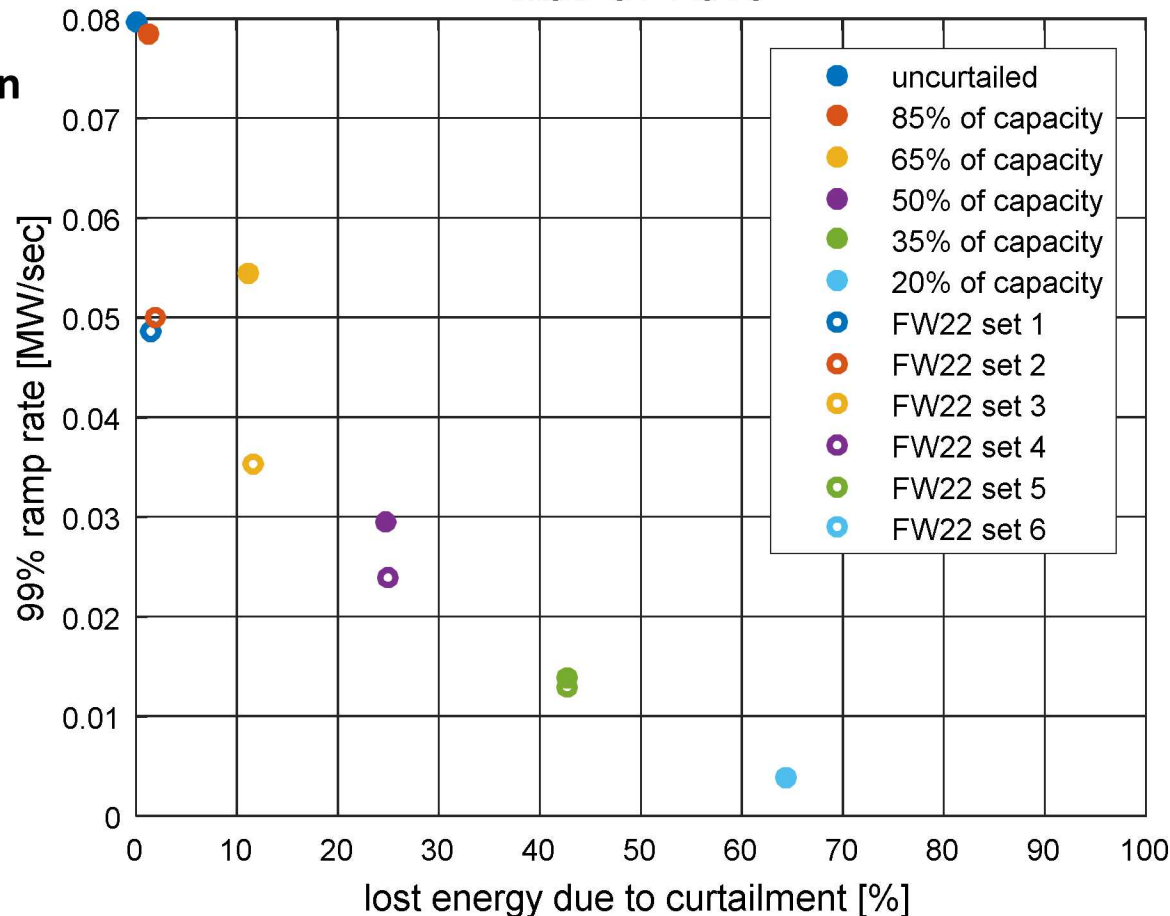


Frequency deviations are only due to PV variability

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- By responding to frequency with negative feedback, an improvement is also seen in the PV Power Ramp Rate

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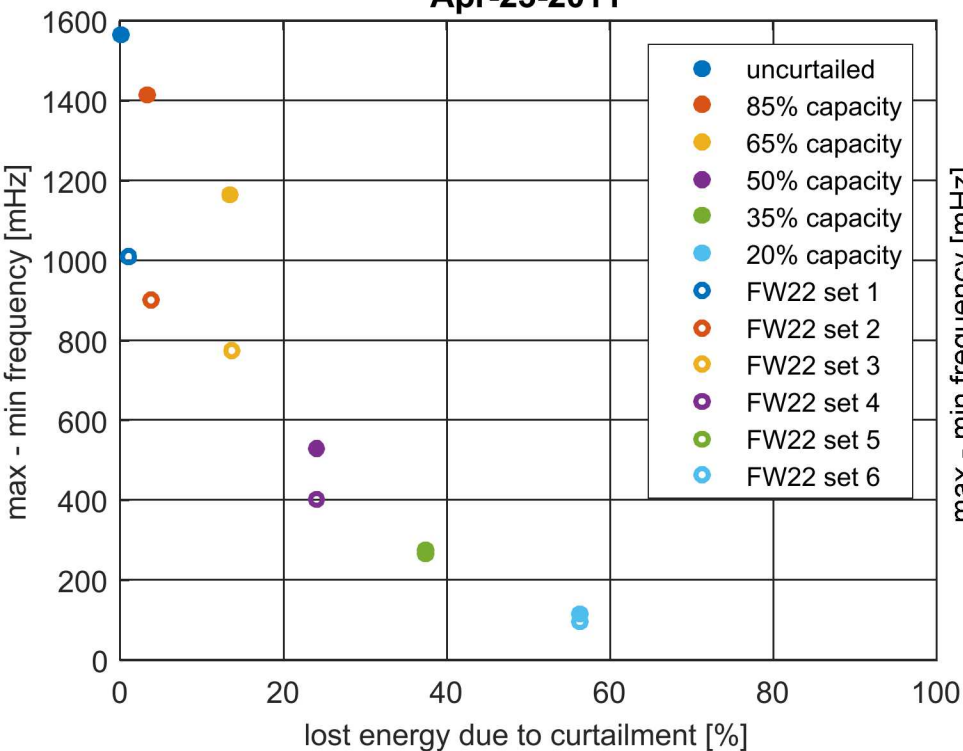
Ramp Rates are only due to PV variability

Energy versus Performance Outcomes were Compared in MATLAB

– Similar improvements are seen in other datasets, and results vary

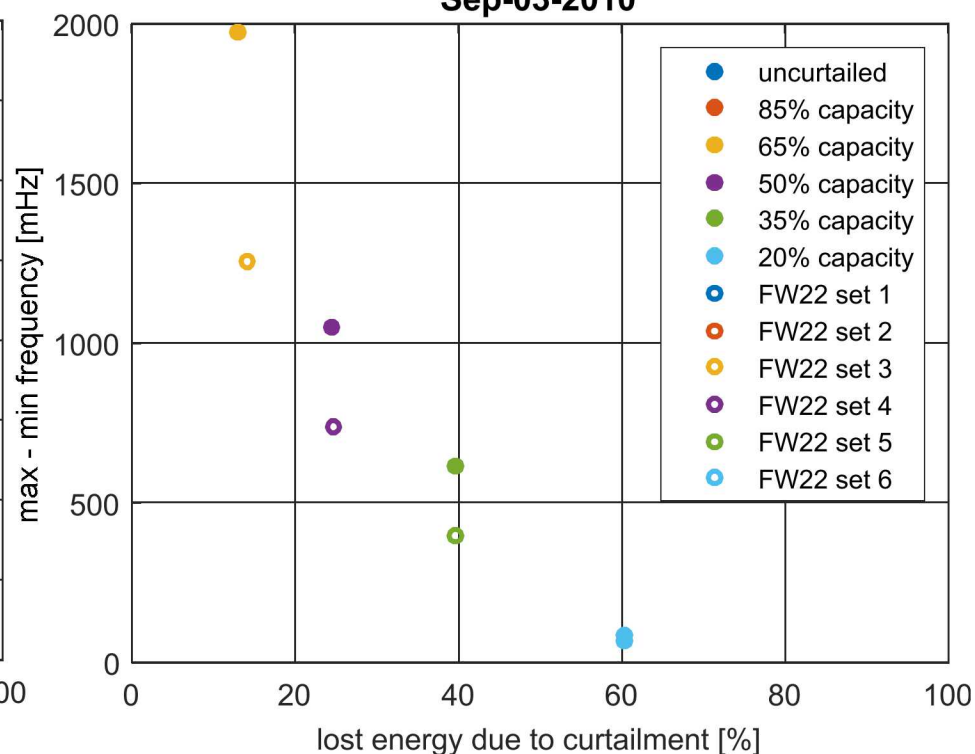
70% penetration

Apr-23-2011



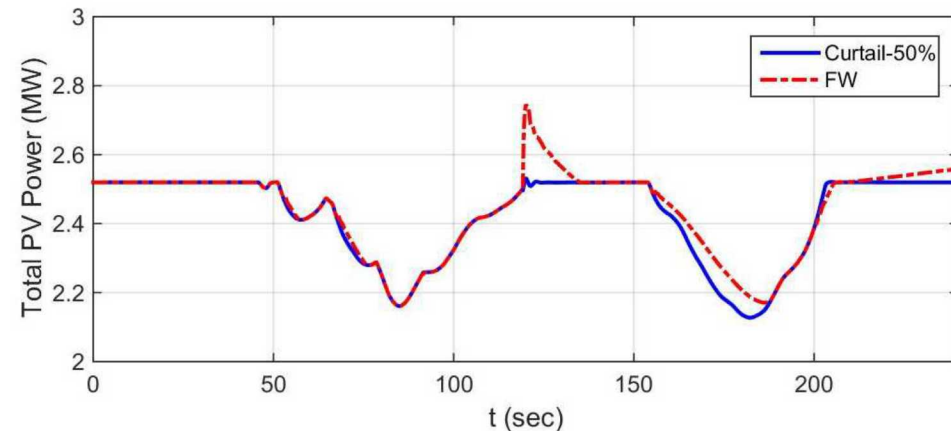
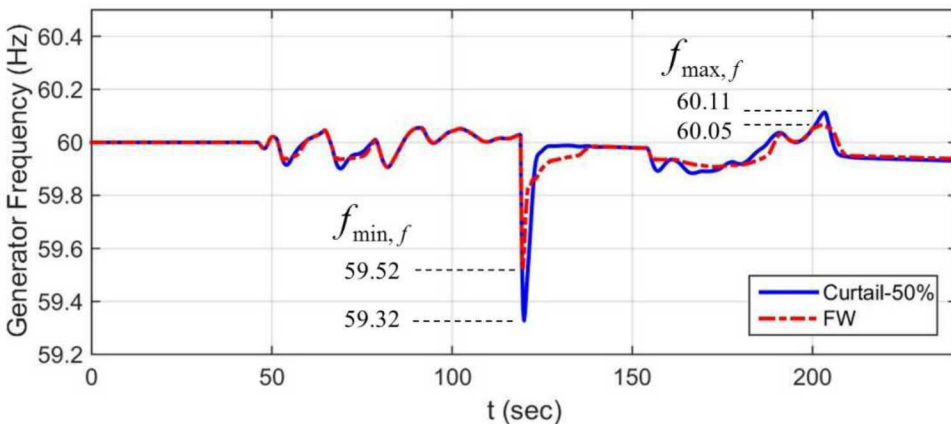
120% penetration

Sep-03-2010

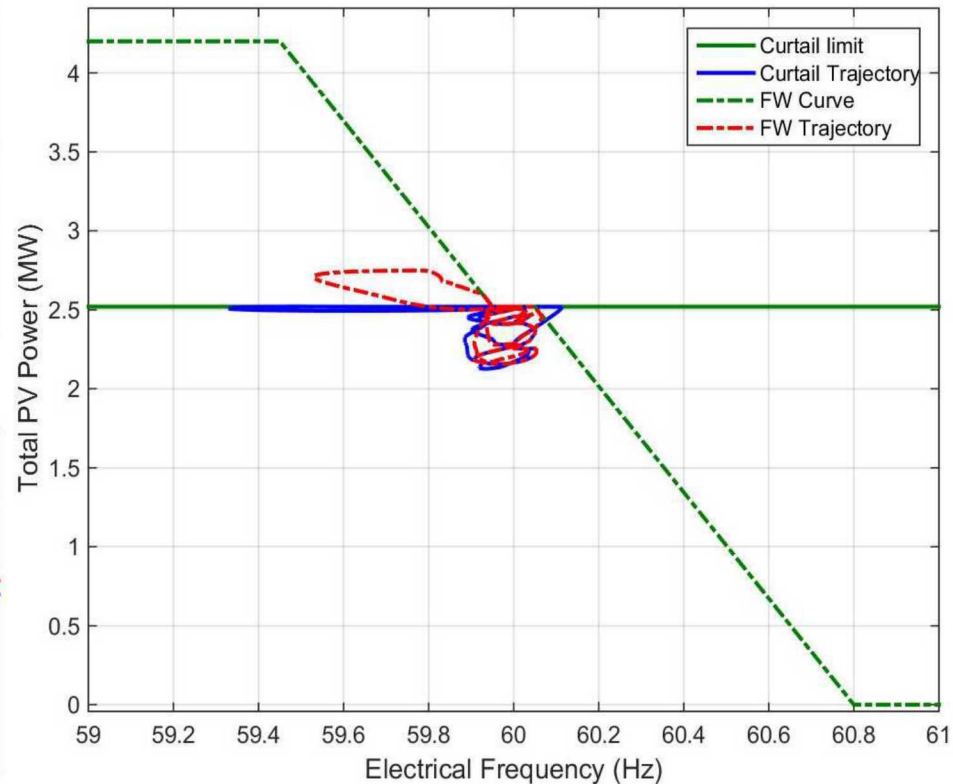


Dynamic Response following an 'Event' was Evaluated in PSLF

- Frequency Nadir is compared with and without Frequency-Watt deployment following a loss of generation (i.e. Synchronous generator trips offline)

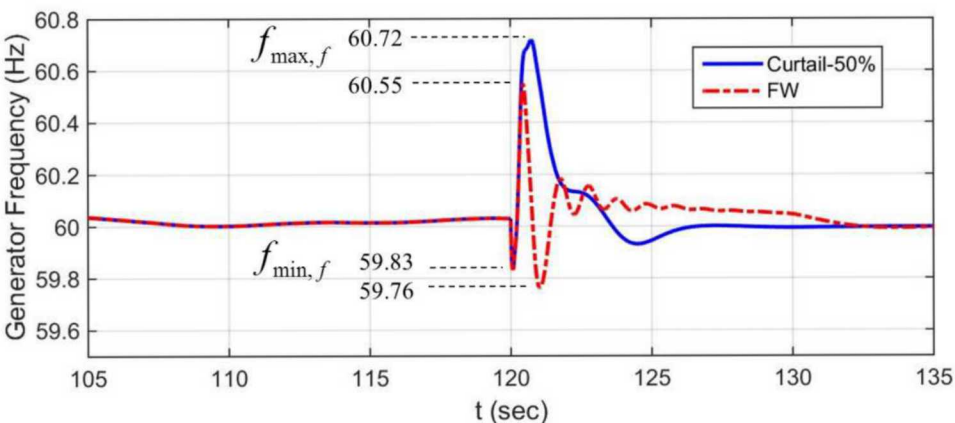


Frequency vs. Power

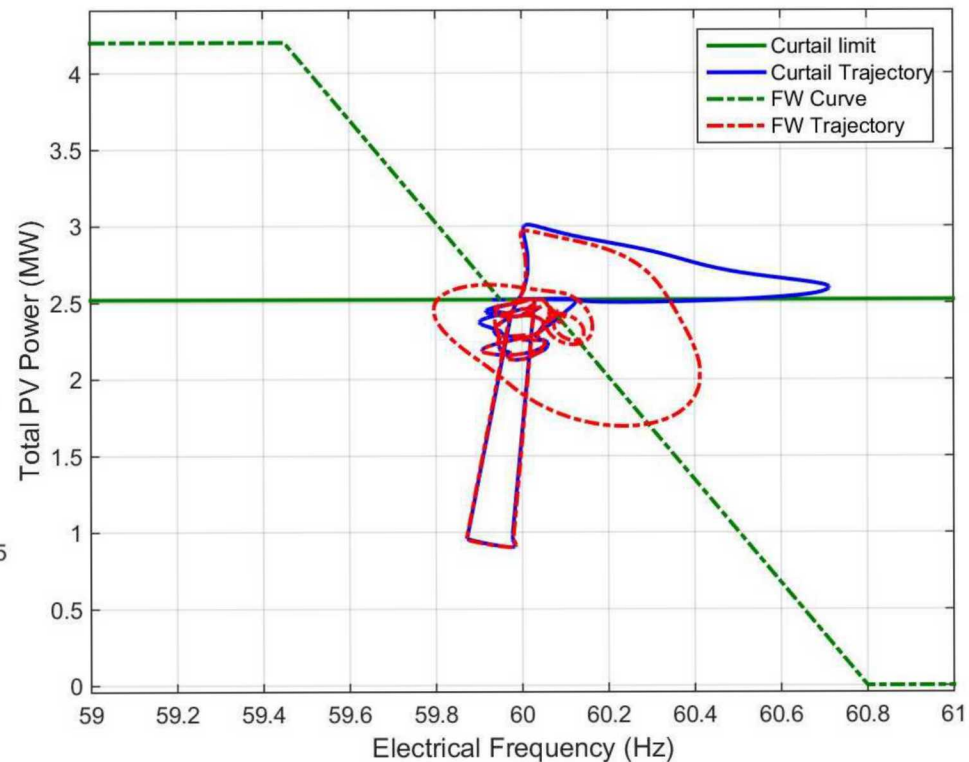


Dynamic Response following an 'Event' was Evaluated in PSLF

- Frequency rise is compared with and without Frequency-Watt deployment following a line fault



Frequency vs. Power



Grid Dynamics and Damping Inter-Area Oscillations

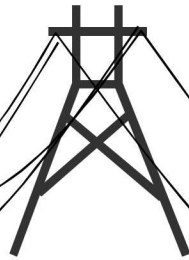
Problems May Arise between Areas Connected by 'Weak' Transmission

Generation/Load Area 1

Rotating
Generation



Loads



Long
Transmission
Line

Generation/Load Area 2

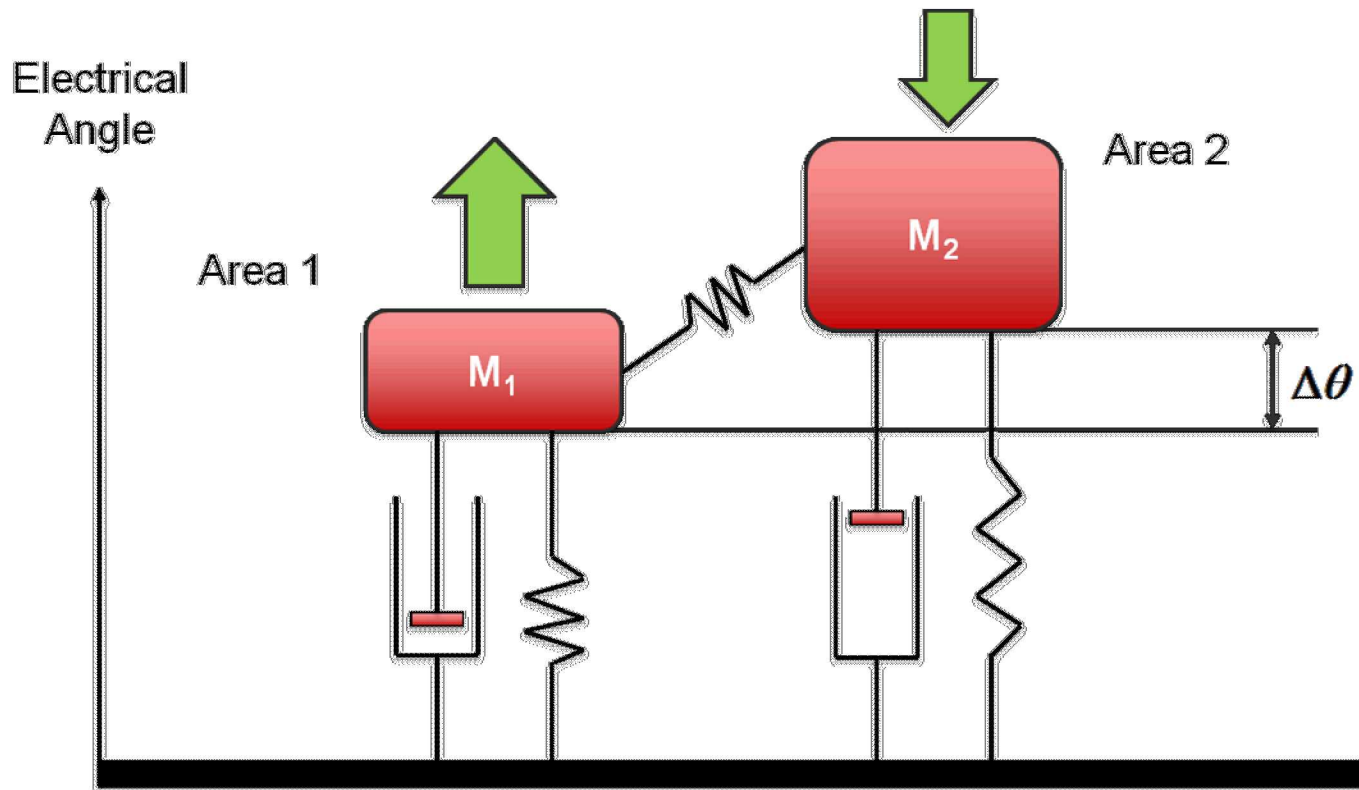
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Loads

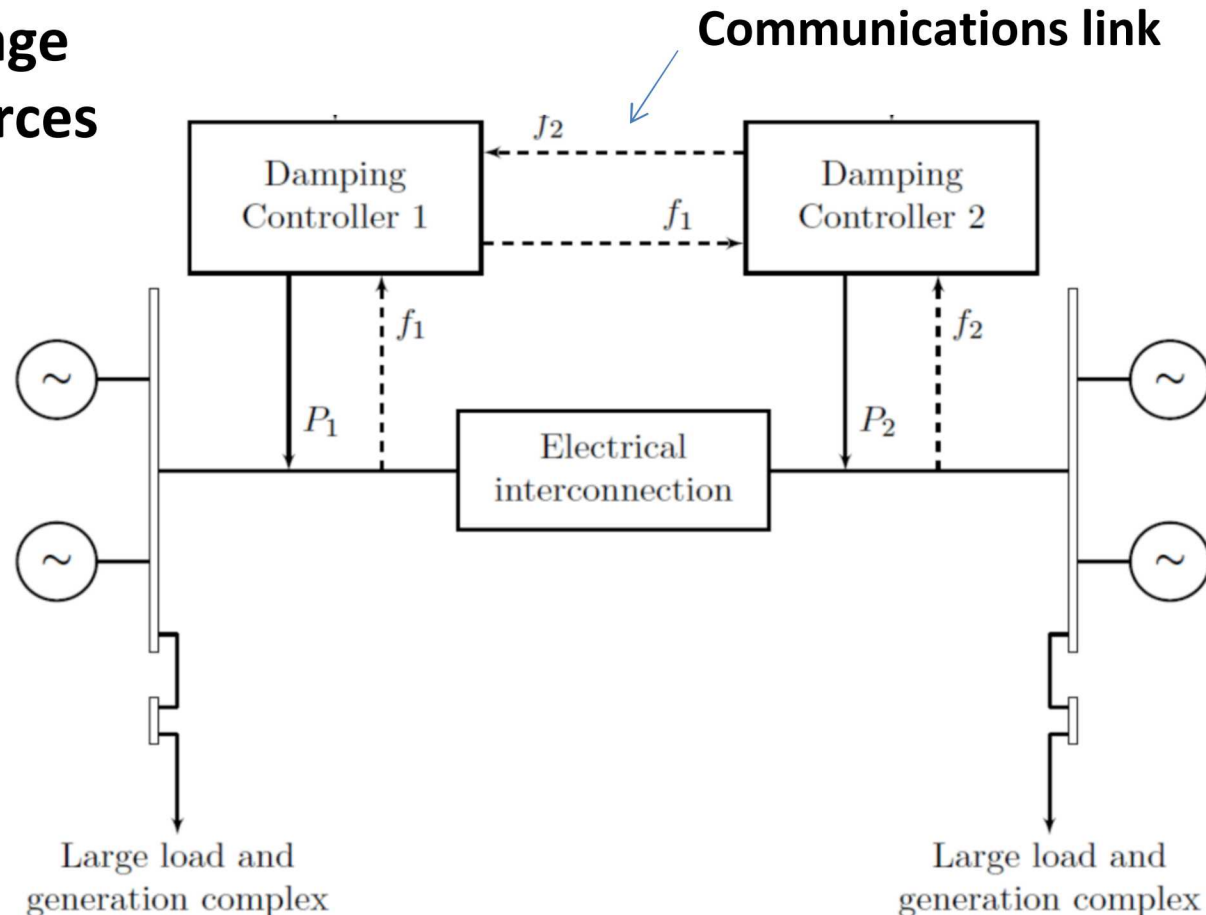
Problems May Arise between Areas Connected by 'Weak' Transmission

- Generator/Load complexes behave like mass-damper systems
- The “spring” connecting areas gets weaker with greater power flow resulting in *Inter-Area oscillations*
–transmission is usually limited



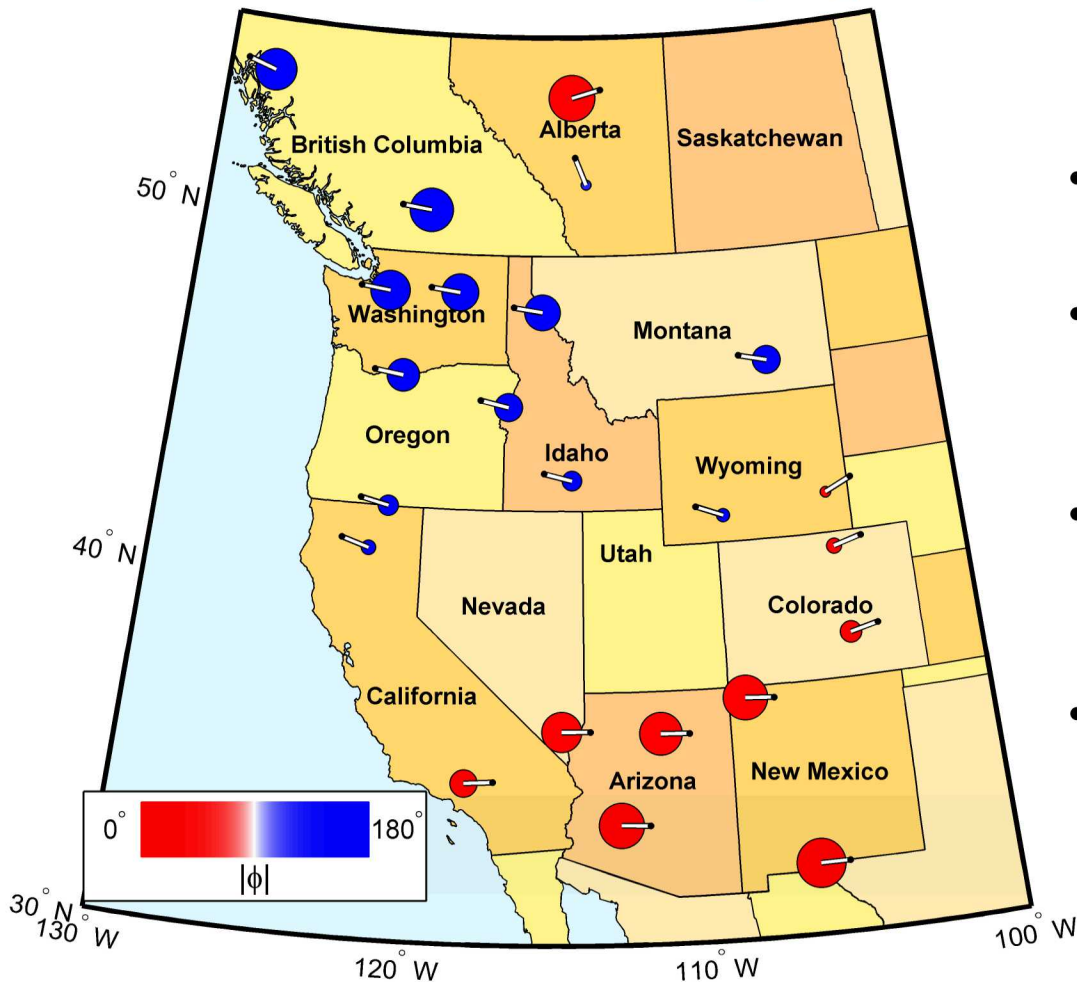
Damping Control System can Improve Grid Stability

- Damping control system delivers power to dampen inter-area oscillations between two or more areas
 - High Voltage DC transmission
 - Energy Storage
 - Other resources



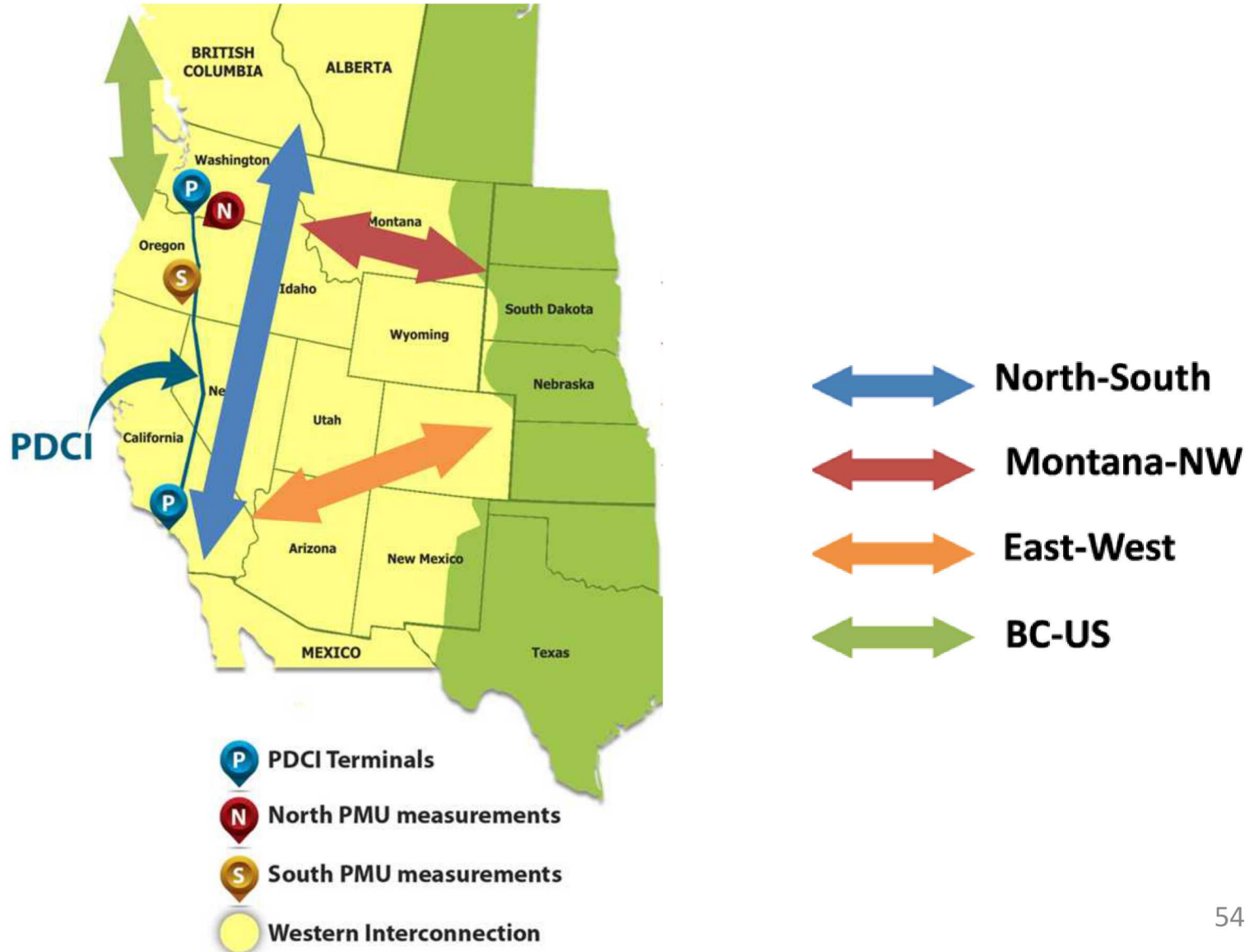
Visualization of Oscillation Modes

North South Mode 0.36 Hz, 13.7% damping



- Reference site is the location with the largest observed amplitude for that mode.
- Amplitude is proportional to radius of disk
- Color of disk indicates if site was in (red) or out of phase (blue) with reference site.
- Phase angle is indicated by a fixed length arrow in the center of each disk
- Mapping results based upon simulations using 2015 heavy summer base case

Western Interconnection Oscillation Modes

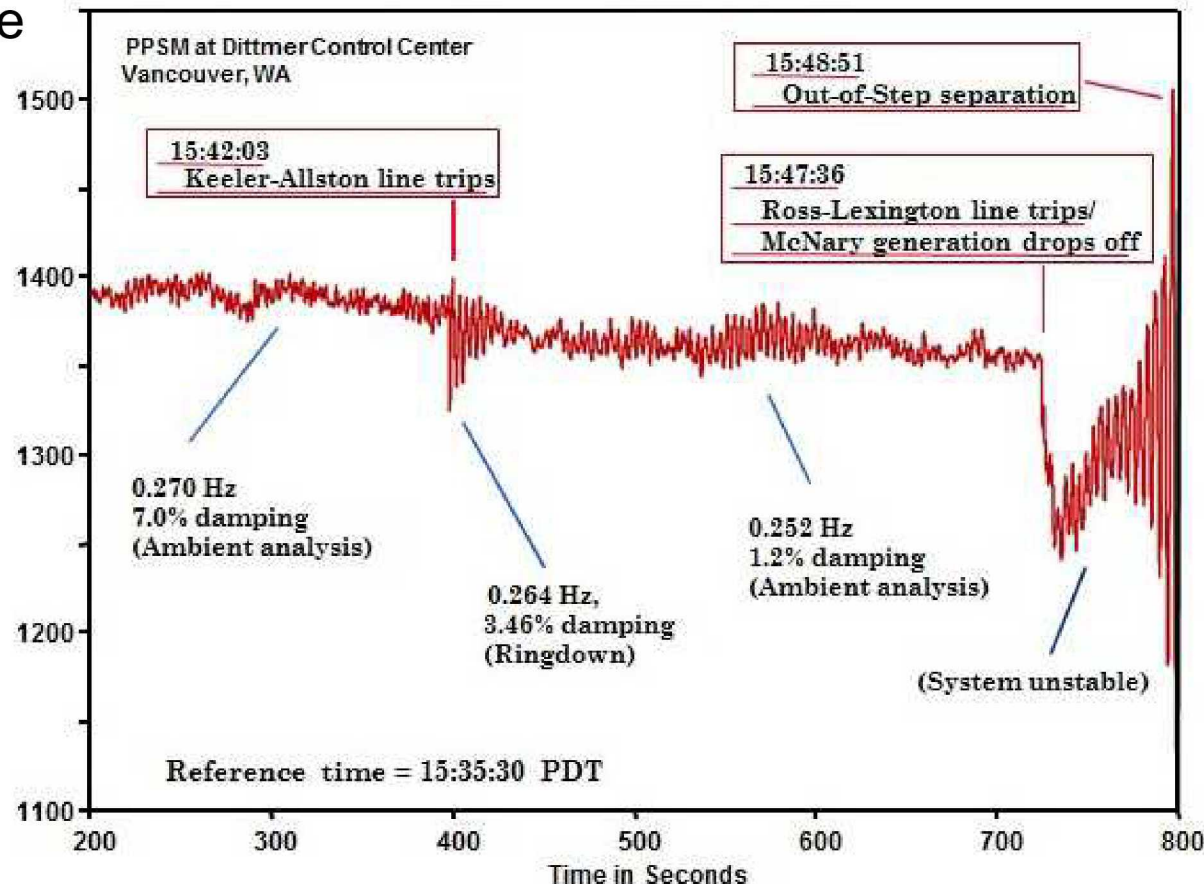


Inter-Area Oscillations Jeopardize Grid Stability

Western Power System Breakup August 10, 1996

Malin-Round Mountain #1 MW

- Present approach to mitigate this scenario is to maintain large headroom in power flow
- More efficient mitigation strategy is active power injection using real-time Phasor Measurement Unit (PMU) feedback



Pacific DC Intertie (PDCI)

- High Voltage DC line: +/- 500 kV
- 3220 MW capacity
- 850 miles long – Celilo to Sylmar
- BPA operates Celilo
- LADWP operates Sylmar
- Operational since 1970
- PDCI is annually used for probing tests (since 2008) to identify and better understand inter-area oscillations on the western grid



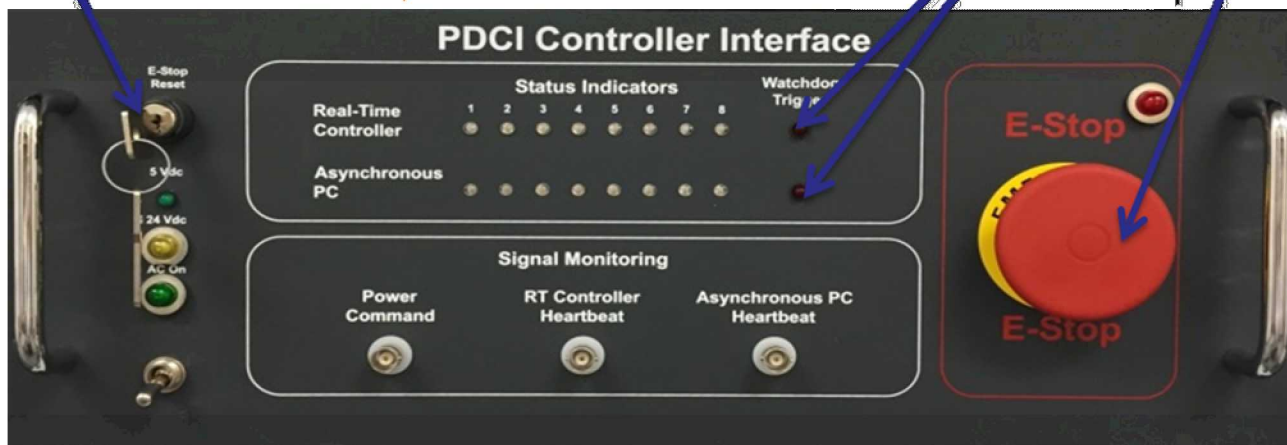
Damping Controller Hardware

Watchdog circuit module

Key switch

Heartbeat indicators

E-Stop button

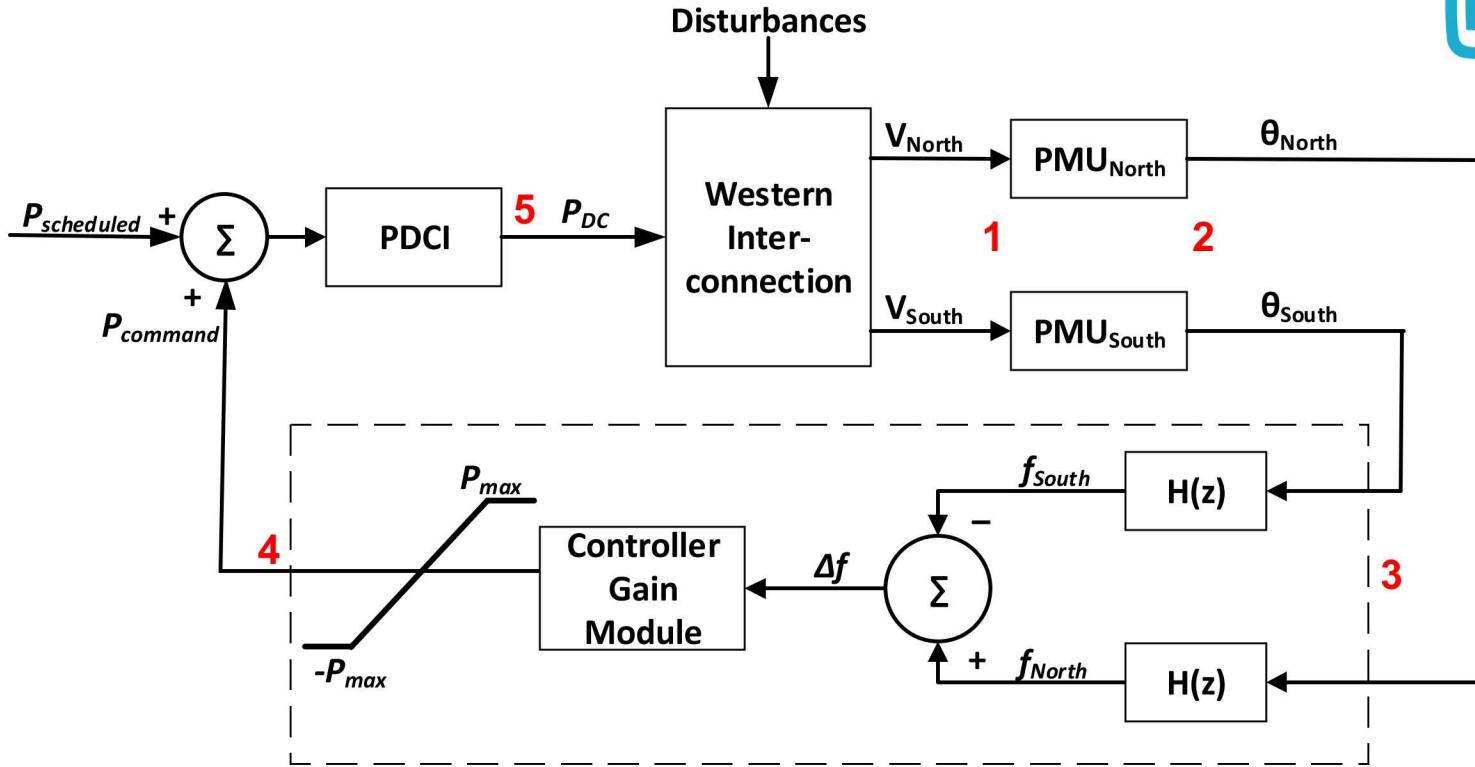


Server for select
supervisory functions

Real-time
Control platform

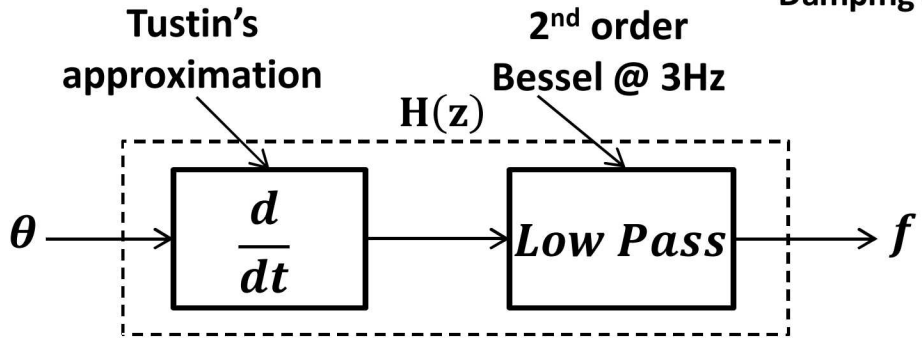


Damping Controller Strategy



Damping Controller

- 1 PMUs take measurements
- 2 PMUs send data packets over network
- 3 Packets arrive at damping controller
- 4 Controller sends power command to PDCI
- 5 PDCI injects power command into grid



$$P_{command}(t) = K(f_{North}(t - \tau_{d1}) - f_{South}(t - \tau_{d2}))$$

K is a constant gain with units of MW/mHz

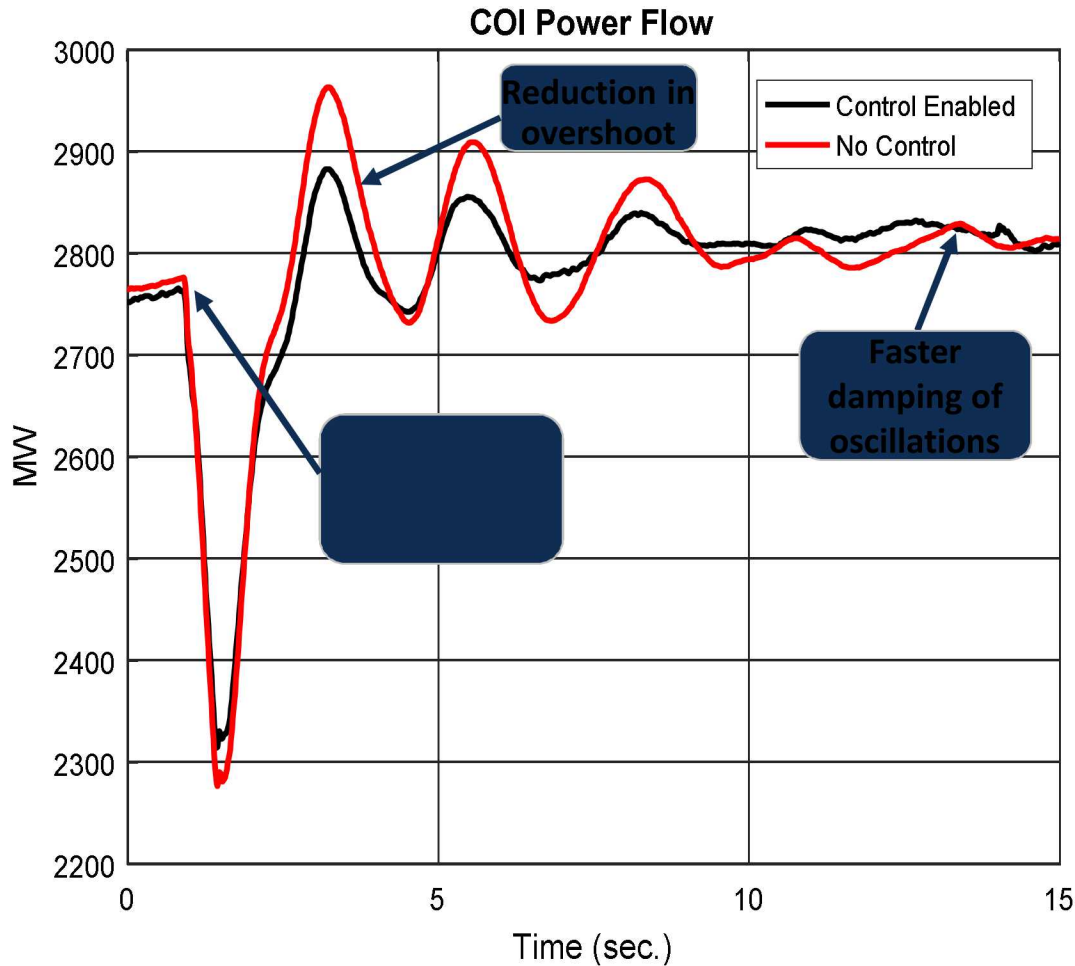
Chief Joseph Dynamic Braking Resistor

- Purpose – Transient Stability: Remedial Action Scheme (RAS) to handle large faults in western grid
- Can dissipate 1400 MW for 0.5 – 1.0 sec
- Side Benefit – Ideal as an impulse response to the grid → Aids system identification and control system testing
- History – Built in early 1970s
- Owned & operated by BPA
- Described in M. Shelton et al., “Bonneville Power Administration 1400-MW braking resistor,” IEEE Trans. Power Apparatus & Syst., vol. 94, no. 2, pp. 606-611, 1975.



Grid Demonstrations Showed Significant Improvements in Damping

Experiments conducted at Celilo Converter Station Sept 2016, May & June 2017



Chief Joseph brake test

Damping of North-South B Mode improved 4.5 percentage points (11.5% to 16.0%) in closed-loop vs. open-loop operation.

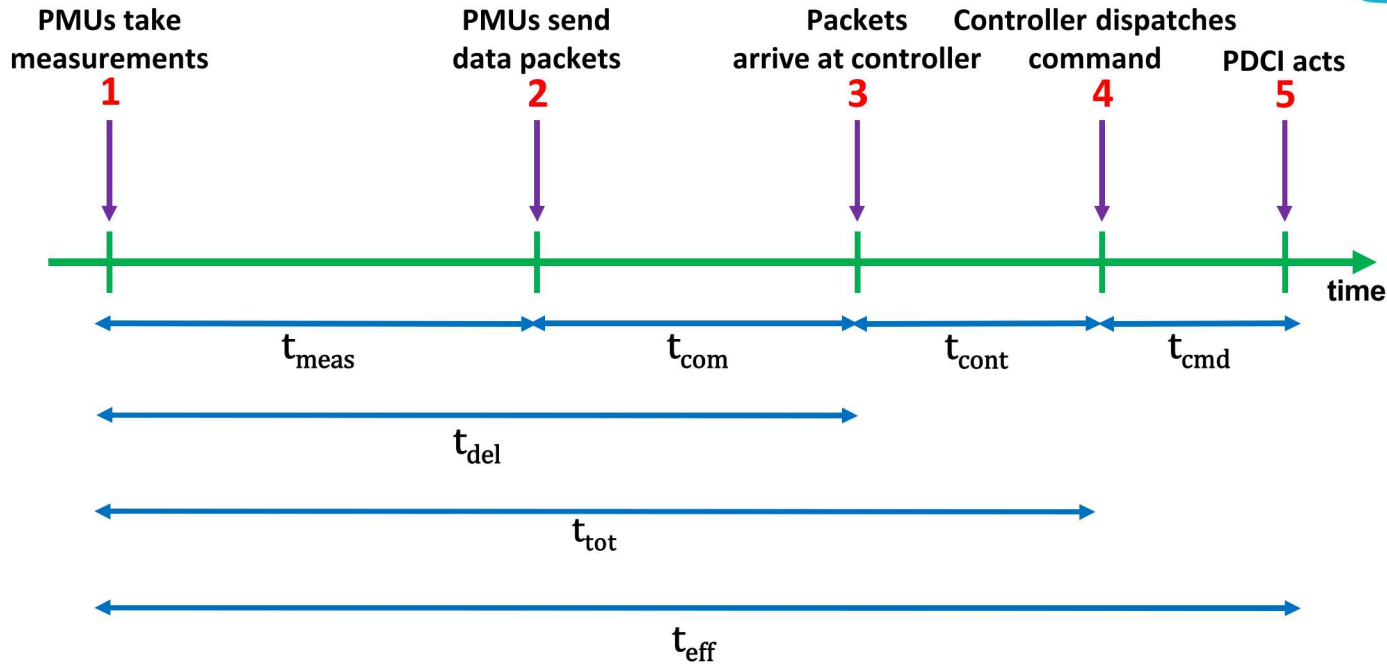
Square wave pulse test

Damping controller significantly reduces amplitude of North-South B mode oscillations in 15 seconds vs. 23 seconds in open-loop tests for the same reduction.

All tests

Controller consistently improves damping and does no harm to grid.

Time Delays in PDCI Damping Control

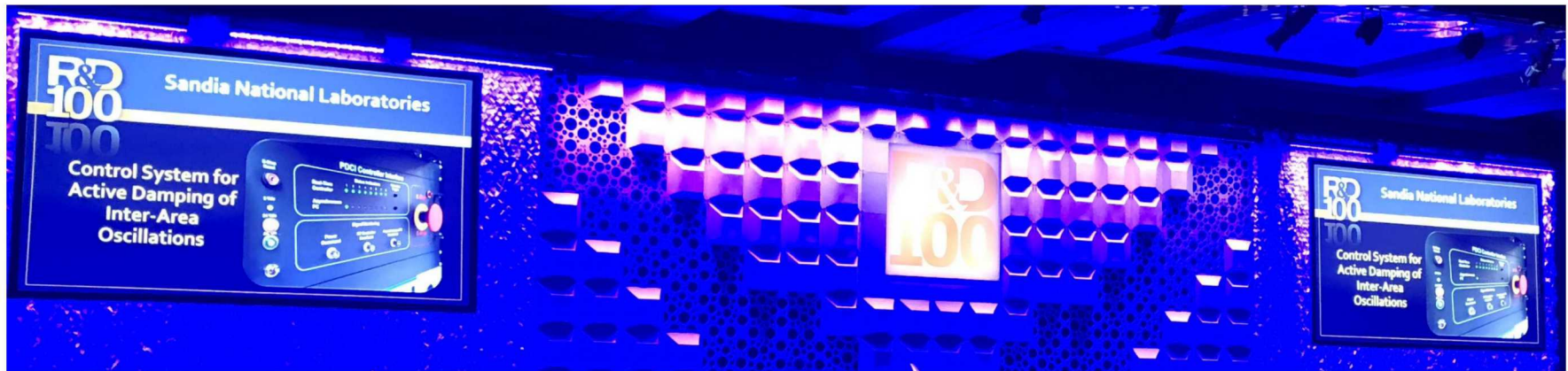


| Symbol | Name | Mean | Range | Distribution |
|------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---|
| t_{meas} | PMU Delay | 50 ms | Assumed fixed at 50 ms | N. A. |
| t_{com} | Communications Delay | 10 ms | [5,38] | Heavy Tail Normal |
| t_{del} | Signal Delay | 60 ms | [55,88] | Heavy Tail Normal |
| t_{cont} | Control Processing Delay | 11 ms | [3,17] | Bimodal Normal with peaks at 8 & 15 ms |
| t_{tot} | Total Controller Delay | 71 ms | [58,102] | Bimodal Normal with peaks at 66 & 73 ms |
| t_{cmd} | Command Delay | Estimated at 11 ms | Assumed fixed at 11 ms | N. A. |
| t_{eff} | Effective Delay | 82 ms | [69,113] | Bimodal Normal with peaks at 77 & 84 ms |

Conclusion: Round trip time delays < 100 ms → well within bounds for robust closed-loop control

The Damping Control Project was a Real Success

- First successful demonstration of wide-area control using real-time PMU feedback in North America
- Experience gained in networked controls will advance control design using other network-enabled assets, such as energy storage, smart inverters, and demand response.
- Supervisory system architecture and design can be applied to future real-time grid control systems to ensure “Do No Harm”.
- Extensive eigensystem analysis and visualization tools developed for simulation studies and analysis of test results.
- Model development and validation for multiple levels of fidelity to support analysis, design, and simulation studies.



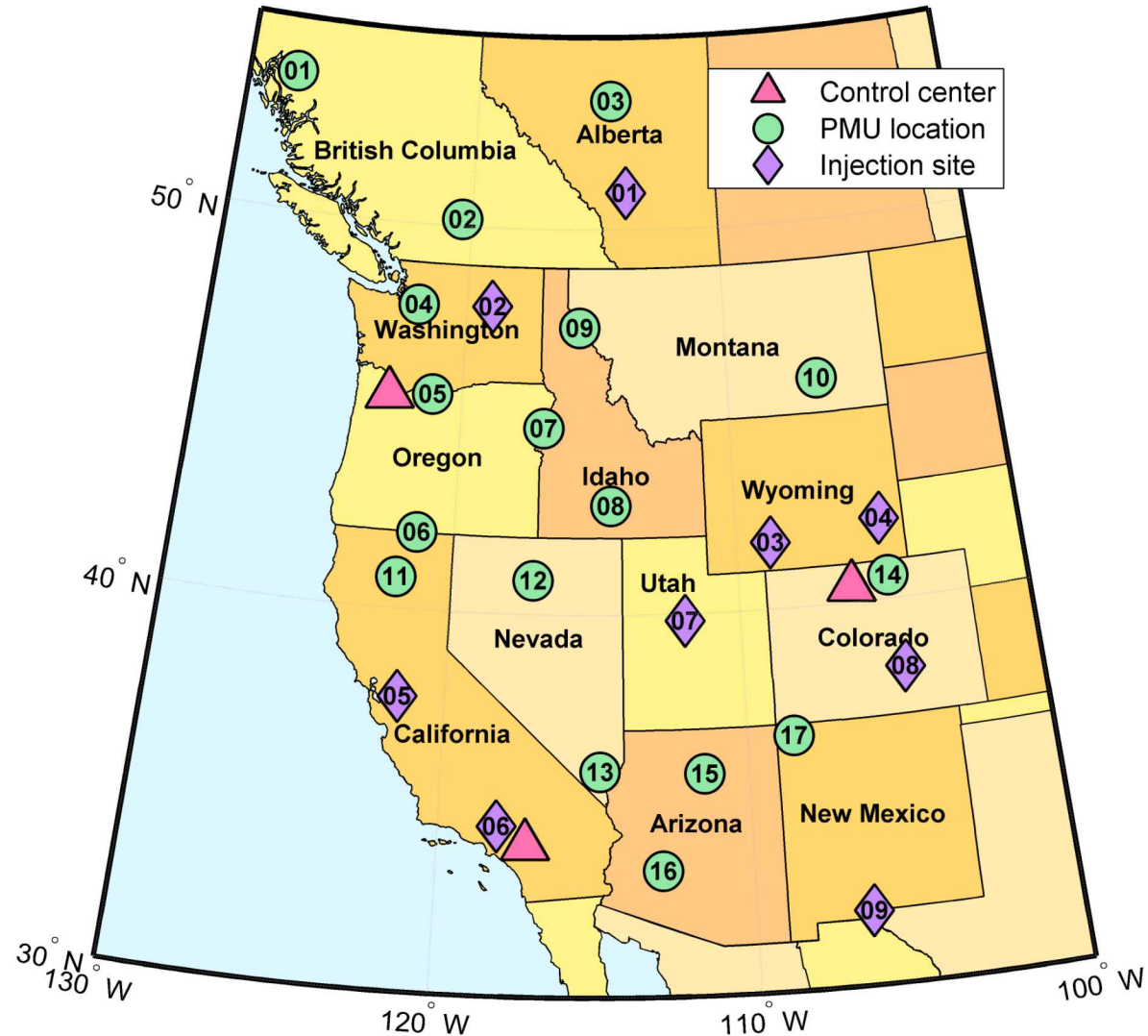
2017 R&D 100 Award Winner

Future Methods will Combine Distributed Sensing with Distributed Modulation

Multi-Node Distributed Control

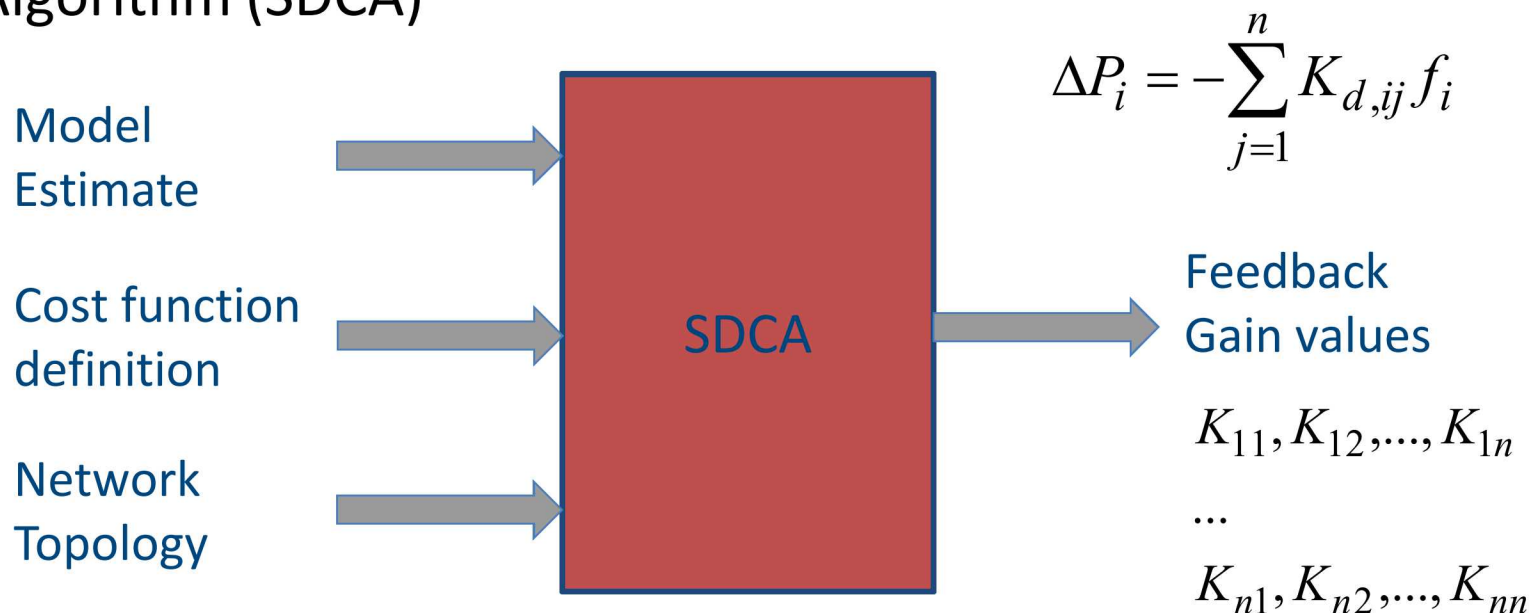
Advantages:

- Robust to single points of failure
- Controllability of multiple modes
- Size/location of a single site not as critical as more distributed energy resources are deployed



Multi-Node Distributed Damping

- Multi-node damping provides redundancy and improved controllability of multiple modes
 - Work is underway to develop a scalable N -node damping control scheme based on distributed energy storage with “Tailored Gains”
 - Each node modulates power based on local PMU and multiple remote PMU measurements
- Gains are computed using a Structured Damping Control Algorithm (SDCA)



An Optimization Problem is Formulated



- To attain the control law $u_d = -K_d y$

$$\text{minimize}_{K_d} J = \int_0^{T_f} (x^T Q x + u_d^T R u_d) d\tau$$

subject to :

$$(1) \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + B_q q(t) + B_d u_d(t)$$

$$(2) y(t) = [\Delta\omega_1 \quad \Delta\omega_2 \quad \Lambda \quad \Delta\omega_m]^T$$

$$(3) u_d(t) = -K_d y(t)$$

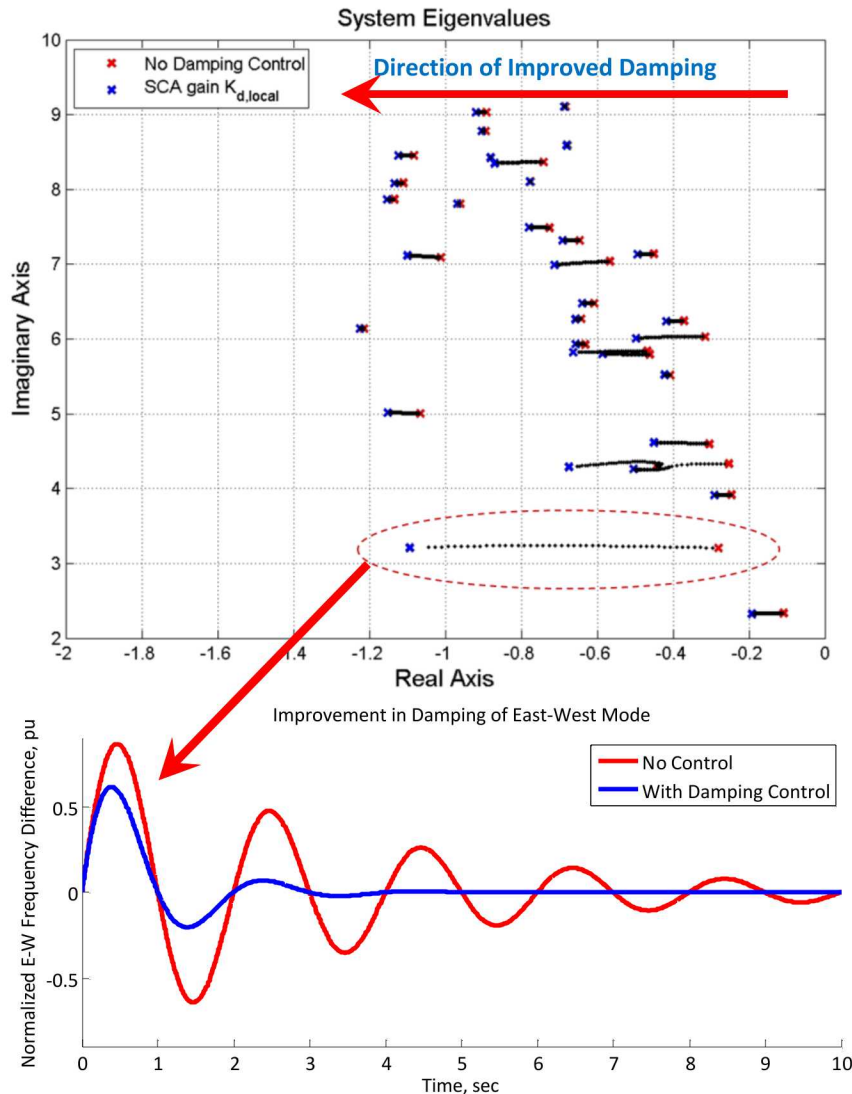
$$(4) Q \geq 0, R > 0$$

- The above optimization problem must be solved iteratively
- For solution details, see the recent journal paper:

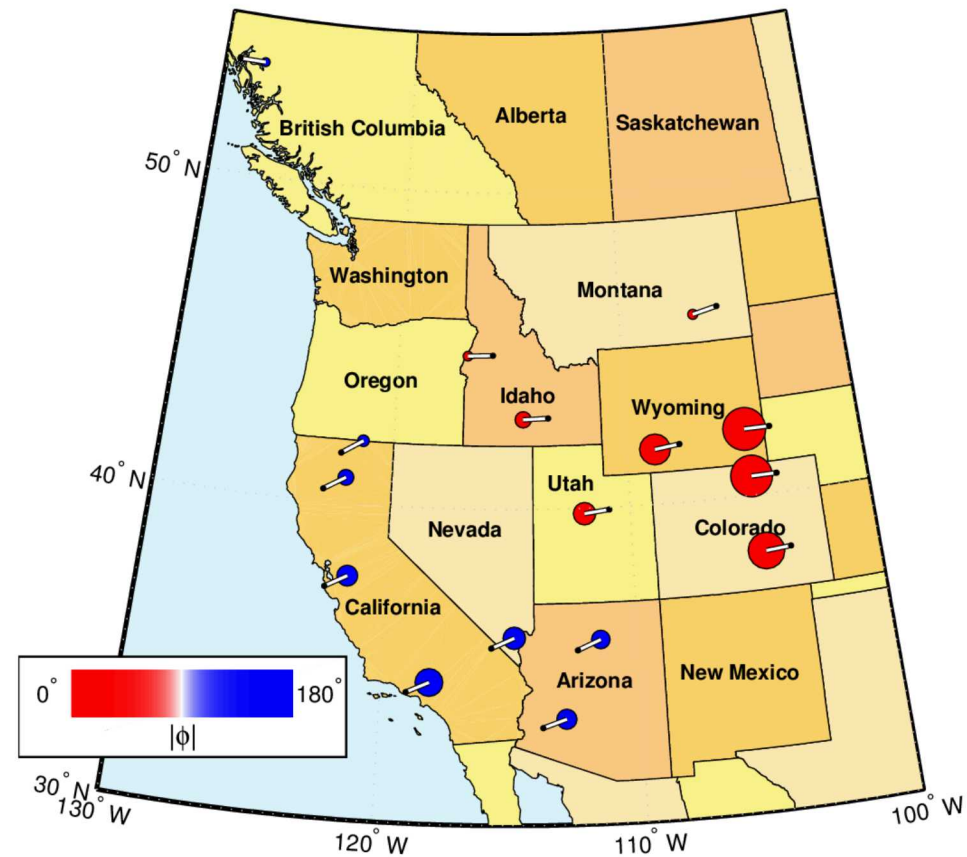
J. Neely, J. Johnson, R. Byrne, and R. Elliott, "Structured Optimization for Parameter Selection of Frequency-Watt Grid Support Functions for Wide-Area Damping," *International Journal of Distributed Energy Resources and Smart Grids*, vol. 11, no. 1, pp. 69-94, 2015.

Example using Distributed Energy Storage

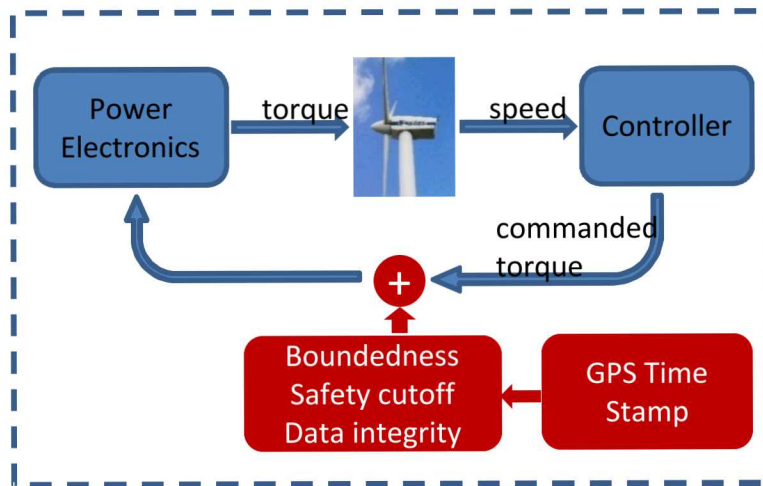
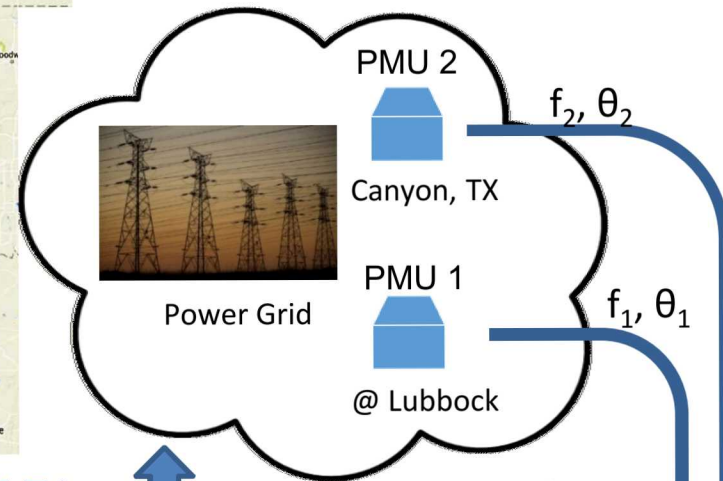
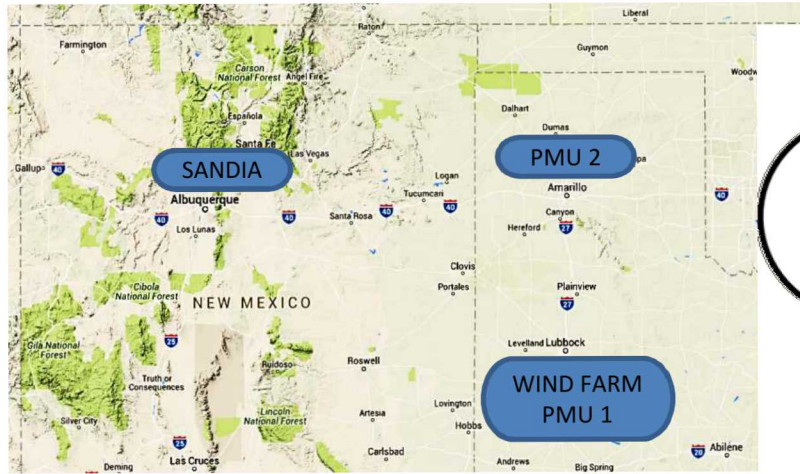
- Total real power capacity on order of 20 – 50 MW is sufficient
- With 10s of sites deployed, individual resource capacity ≤ 1 MW will work



East-West Mode



Network-Based Modulation of Power in Wind Turbines



Real Power Flow

X-Net



Command Level Controller at Sandia

Internet

- Modulation of wind power implemented in turbine nacelle at wind farm in Lubbock, TX.
- Command level controller implemented at Sandia in Albuquerque, NM.
- Successful demonstration of coordinated control strategy on Sept. 28, 2017.
- Outcome is scalable, giving wind operators the opportunity to provide valuable grid services.

Some Concluding Remarks ...

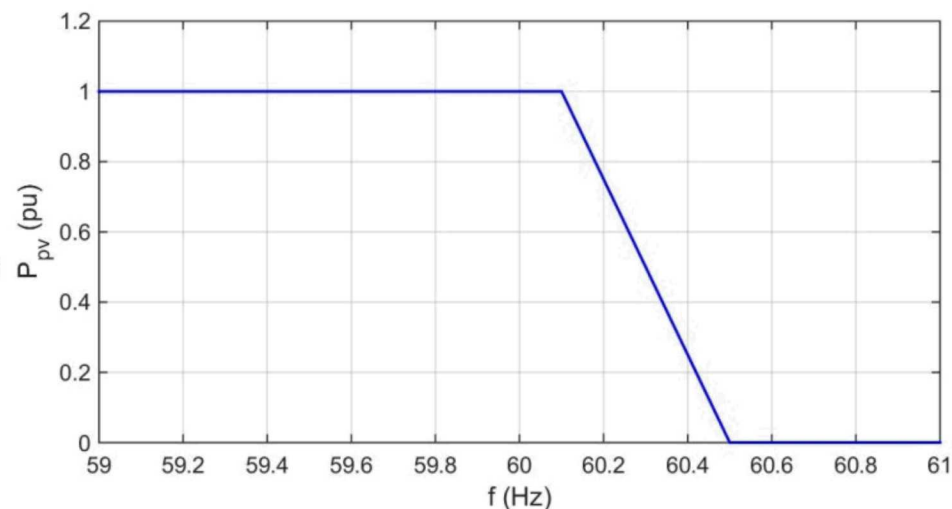
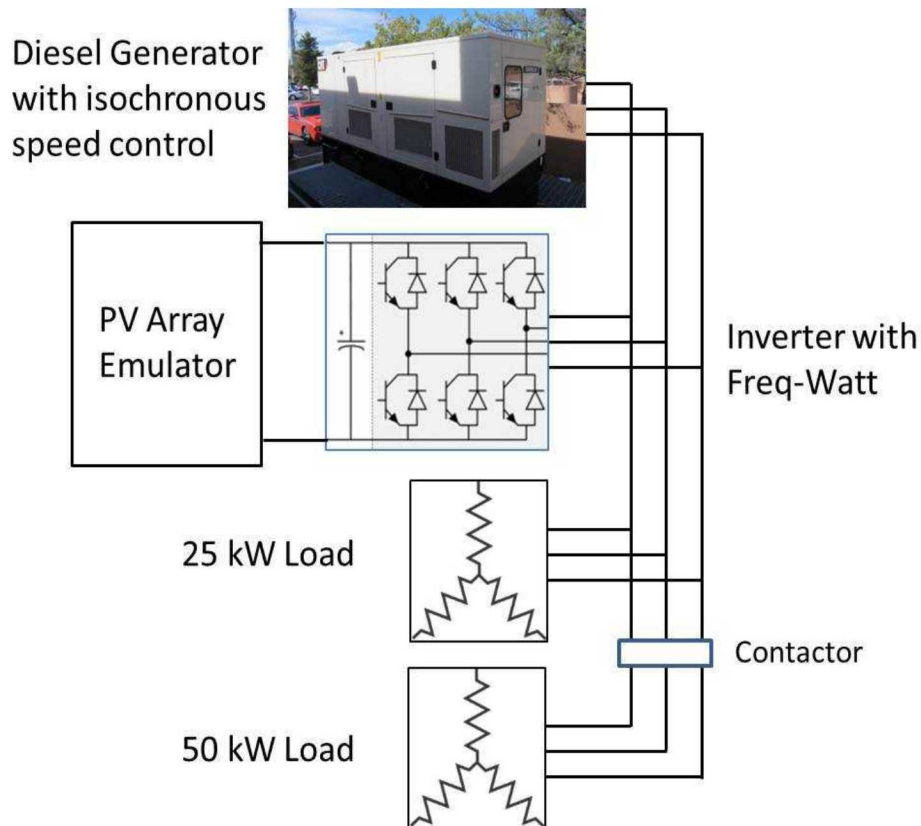
- Over the last 100+ years, the grid has become reliant on large centralized fossil-fuel based power generation
- As large centralized power generation is displaced by distributed energy sources, new controls approaches are needed to maintain grid operation
- The “SMART Grid”, enabled by new controls, holds great promise for realizing the *Grid of the Future*

Backup slides

Frequency Watt was Tested in a Lab-Sized 'Island Grid'

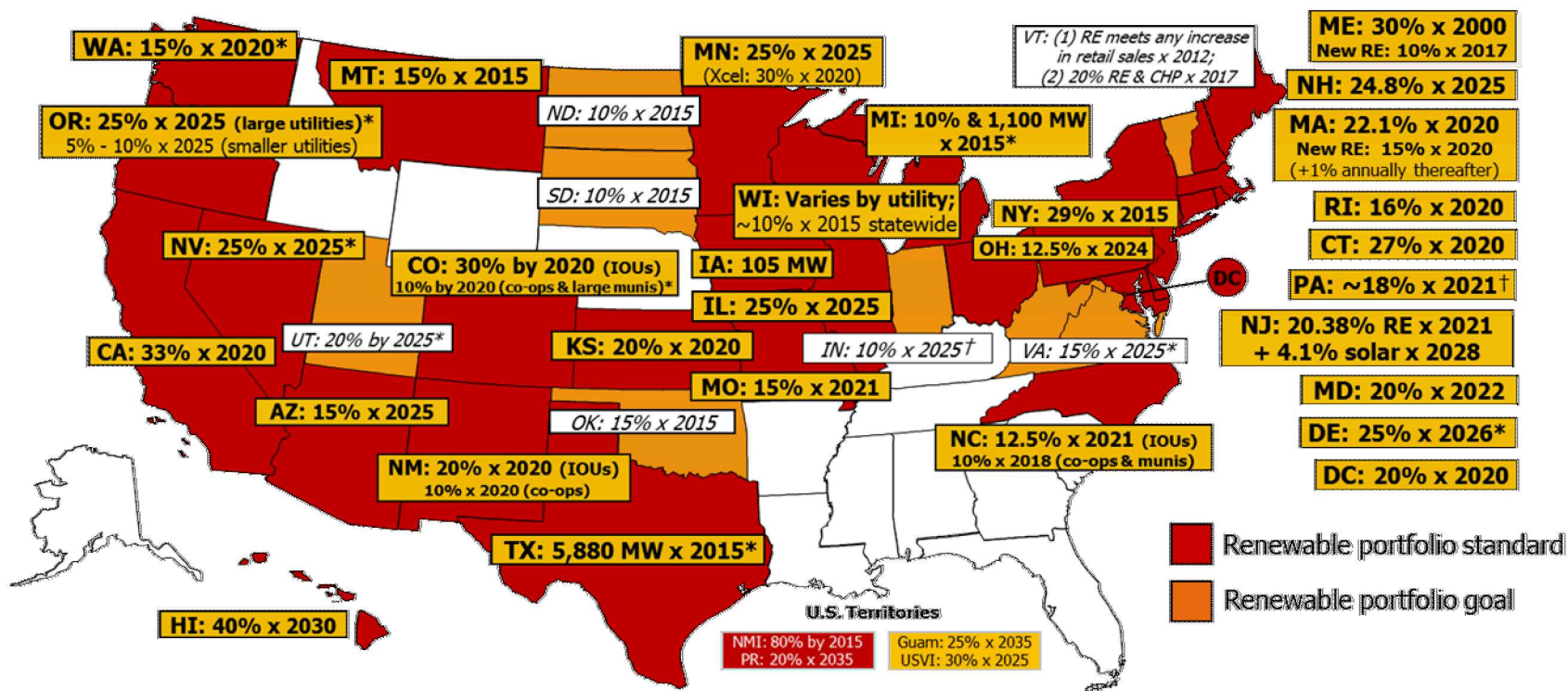
– A hardware testbed was assembled

- 225 kW diesel generator
- 24kW inverter with FW capability
- Resistive load switching between 25kW and 75kW



States are Committing to Renewable Energy Integration

- 29 state governments, Washington DC, 2 territories have committed to new *Renewable Portfolio Standards*



DSIRE database, November 2013

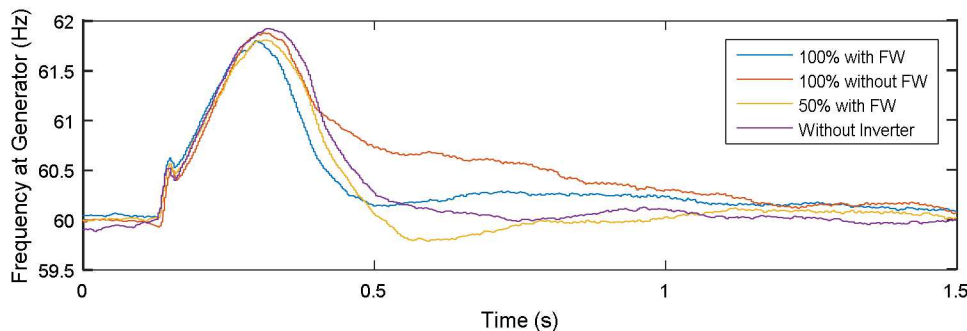
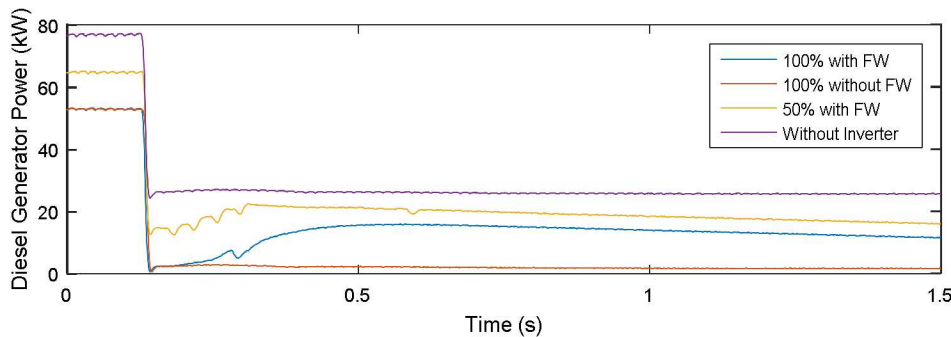
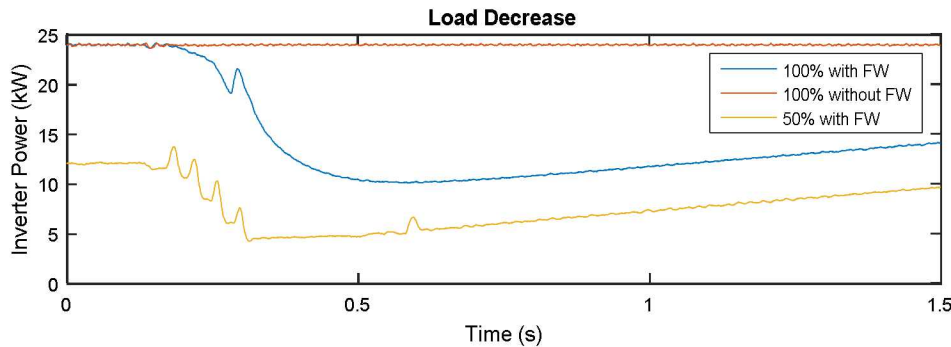
Database of state incentives for renewables and efficiency renewable portfolio standards

<http://www.dsireusa.org/>

Frequency Watt was Tested in a Lab-Sized 'Island Grid'

— Load Step Change from 75kW to 25kW

- Use of the FW function reduces peak frequency and improves the rate at which frequency returns to nominal



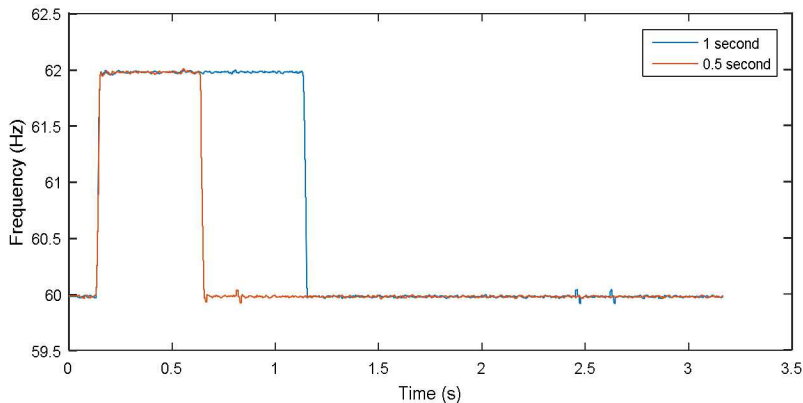
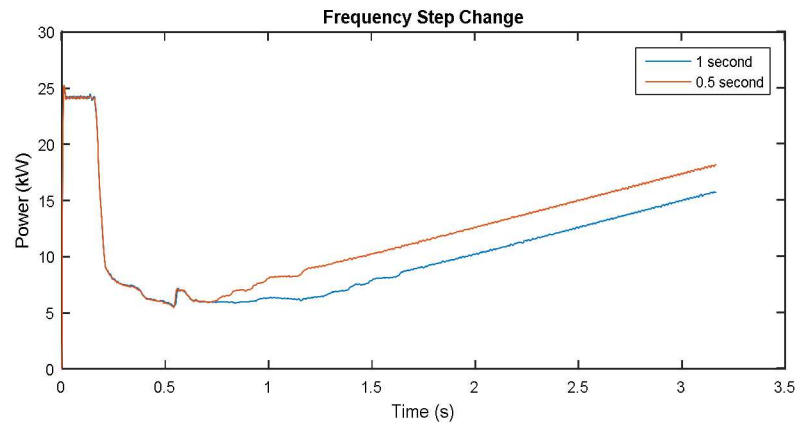
| Scenario | Integral Squared Frequency Error f_e (Hz) |
|--|---|
| Inverter at 100% capacity with FW enabled | 0.50993 |
| Inverter at 100% capacity with FW disabled | 0.75181 |
| Inverter at 50% capacity with FW enabled | 0.51738 |
| Diesel generator with no inverter | 0.61614 |

$$f_e = \int_{t_0}^{t_s} (f(\tau) - f^*)^2 d\tau$$

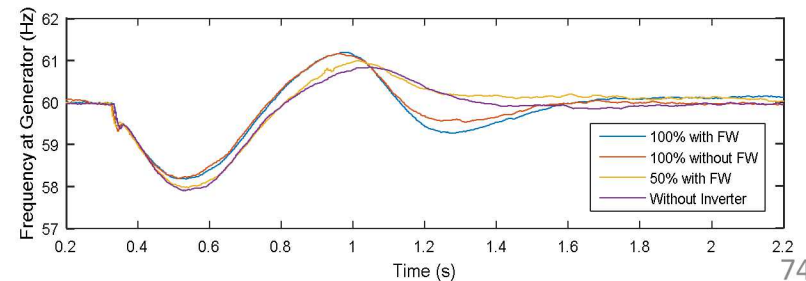
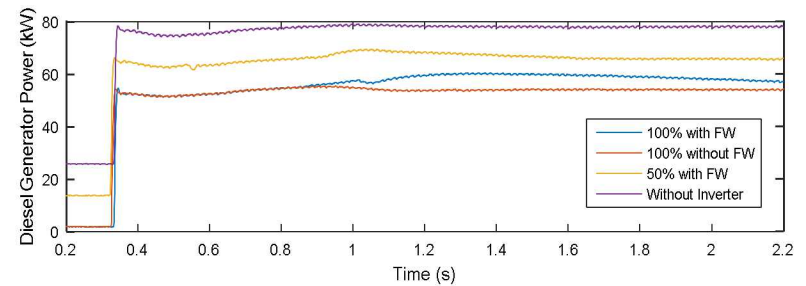
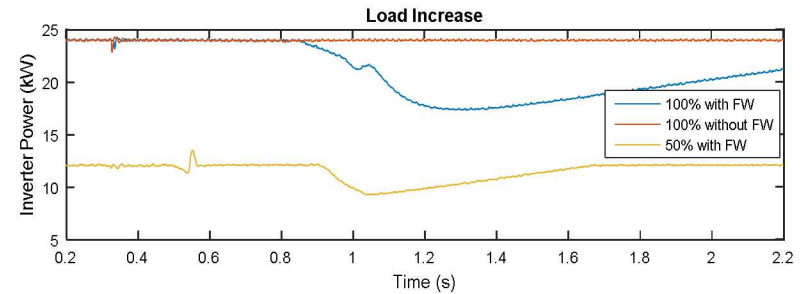
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- Built-in inverter time delay can limit FW effectiveness

Response to change in grid frequency

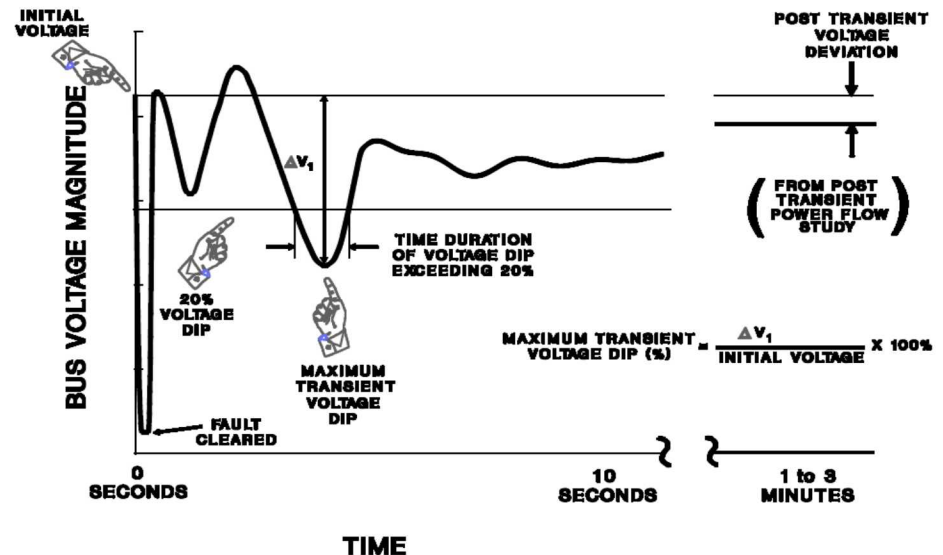
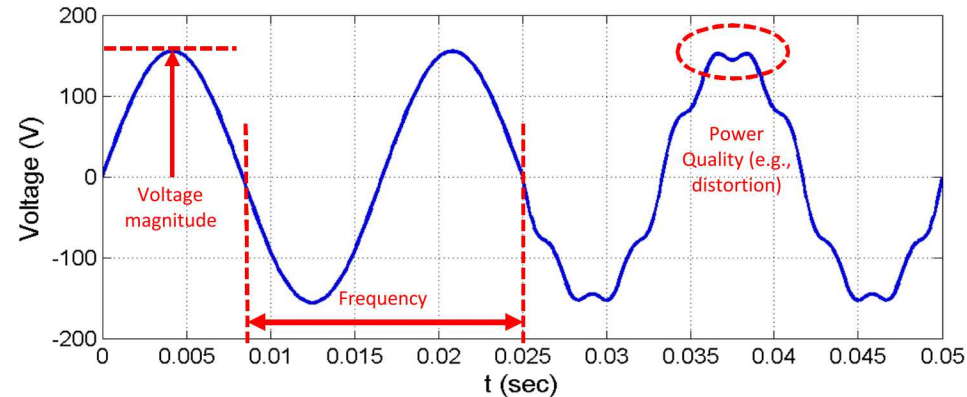


Load change from 25kW to 75kW



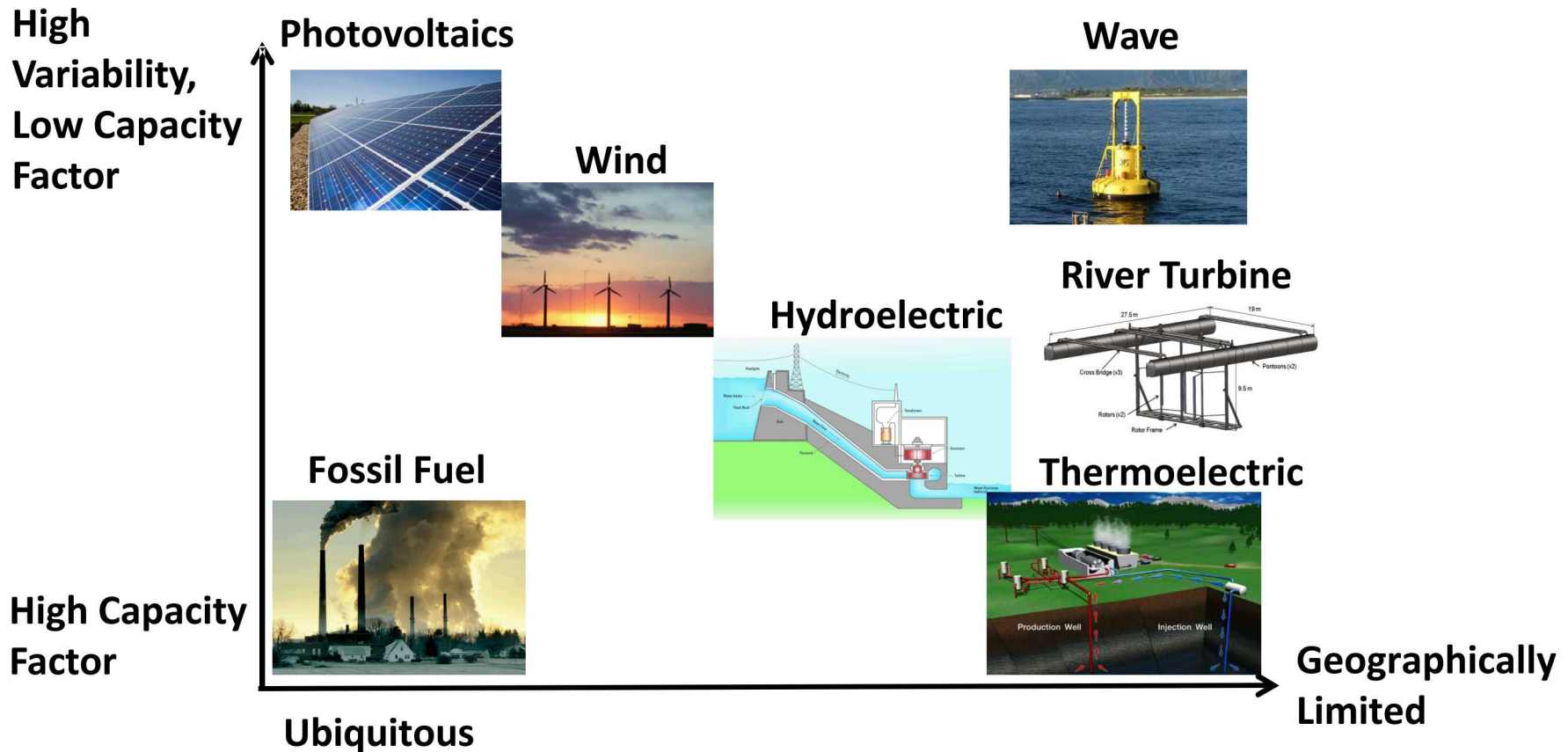
Grid performance requirements

- **Voltage & frequency control**
- **Protection**
 - How to tell when/where there is a problem (e.g., fault)
 - Ensure safety, prevent damage to equipment, avoid cascading
- **System stability**
 - How voltage and frequency recover from a disturbance
- **Continuity of service**
 - Benchmark: 1-day cumulative outage per customer in a 10-year span (99.97% reliable)



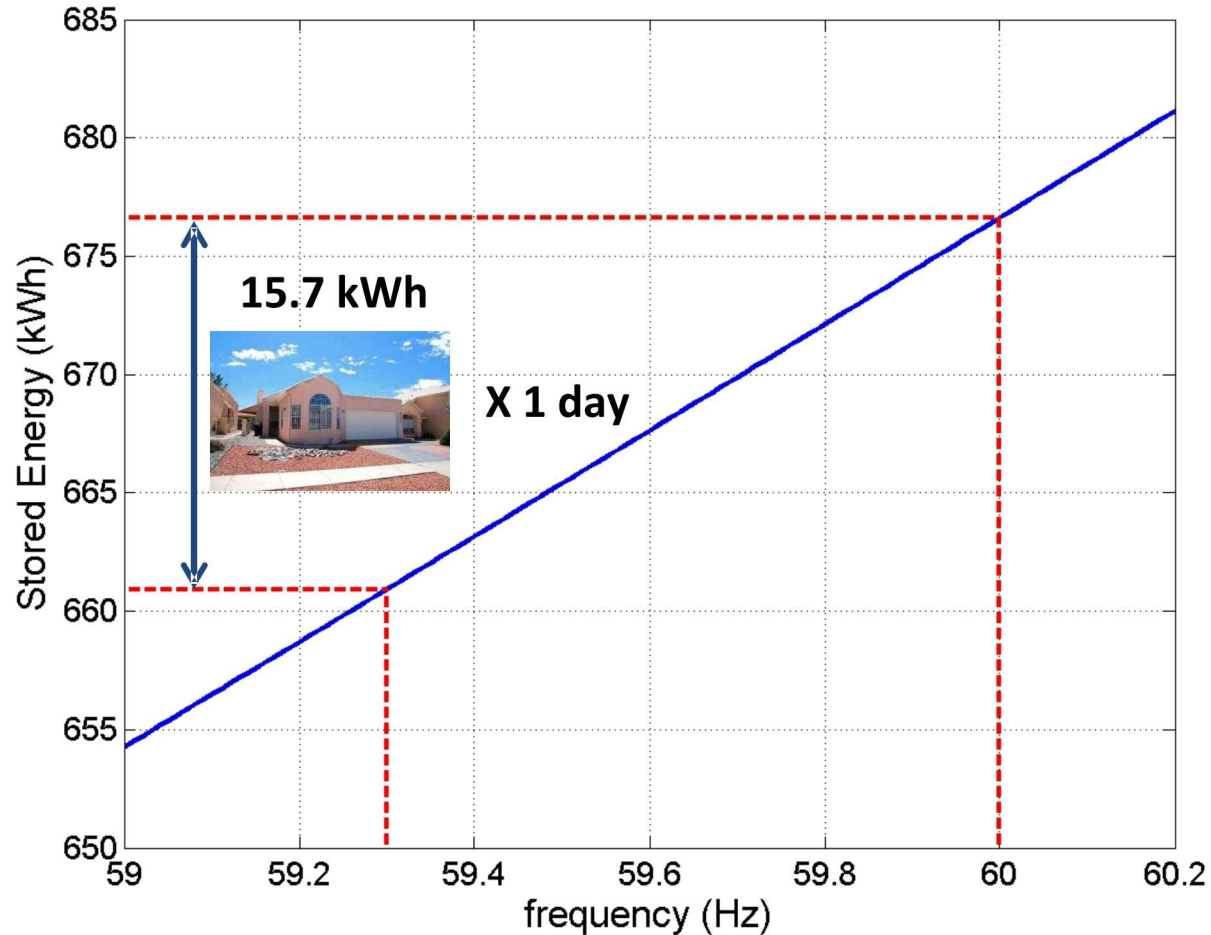
What are Some of the Tradeoffs?

- Grid-tied renewable energy tends to have limited geographic availability or high variability



'Inertia' Plays a Key Role in Grid Dynamics

Example: 325 MVA Hydro Turbine Generator¹



[1] P. Krause, O. Wasynczuk, S. Sudhoff; Analysis of Electric Machinery and Drive Systems; 2nd ed